

CUBAN MOVE A SURPRISE

By ASHER WALLFISH

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter
Alger reports that Cuba had upped its diplomatic ante with this country, caught everyone here by surprise yesterday.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban, queried at Lod Airport where he waited Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Graber, said: "I didn't hear about it." He told him: "I'm not ready to comment, and certainly not now."

The Cuban Minister to Israel, Dr. Ricardo Subirana y Lobo, told the Post last night: "I have heard nothing from Havana. I only know that the news agencies are reporting."

The 86-year-old Cuban-Jewish diplomat said the reports took him quite by surprise, in view of the good relations which had always prevailed between the two countries.

He had no hints that a rupture was imminent. He said that a delegation of Israeli sportsmen had been due to leave for Havana on Wednesday.

The Associated Press correspondent in Tel Aviv quoted Dr. Subirana as saying: "Many nations have broken relations with Havana, but Prime Minister Finkelstein has never before taken the initiative in severing ties. Israel had the political contact with Cuba at the commercial links were good."

Israel's Minister in Havana had reported the rupture to the Foreign Ministry, as of last night, Jerusalem cabled him asking for confirmation.

Under diplomatic procedure, Minister Eban would first have to be called to the Cuban Foreign Ministry.

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Sadat, Assad to meet Hussein today

CAIRO (UPI). — A "little" Arab summit conference, grouping the presidents of Egypt and Syria and the King of Jordan, will be held in Cairo today, the Middle East News agency said yesterday.

Taking part in the gathering will be Egypt's Anwar Sadat, Syria's Hafez Assad and Jordan's King Hussein, the agency said.

Political sources said the conference will be aimed at normalizing relations between Jordan and Egypt and Syria and reviving the Arab eastern front against Israel.

Egypt broke off diplomatic relations with Jordan in April 1972 to protest Hussein's proposal for the establishment of a federation between the East and West banks of the River Jordan. Syria had broken relations with Amman nearly a year earlier to show condemnation of Hussein's drive against the Palestinian terrorists.

(Arab press reports on Saturday said the summit would be held this week.)

The mini-summit will coincide with the opening of an Arab Foreign Ministers conference in Cairo, so today.

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Algiers parley ends with Cuba breaking relations with Israel

ALGIERS. — The fourth non-aligned summit conference ended yesterday with the announcement that Cuba has broken off diplomatic relations with Israel. Summit chairman President Houari Boumedienne of Algeria told the closing session that Cuba's decision had just been conveyed to him by Premier Fidel Castro.

A few moments ago, Cuba officially broke off relations with the Zionist usurper called "Israel," Boumedienne said in a triumphant voice.

Conference sources said the decision was in implementation of a summit resolution calling on all non-aligned countries to boycott Israel diplomatically and economically because of its continued occupation of Arab lands conquered in the 1967 war.

Several African countries severed relations with Israel earlier this year. Cuba became the first Latin American country to do so.

It had been evident for days that behind the facade of smooth and formal speeches by leaders in public session, there was bitter bargaining and discussion over many of the resolutions intended to be "cut and dried" by the foreign ministers and endorsed by their leaders.

Conference sources said almost everything contentious was shelved for a future meeting — including a plan for a permanent structure, or secretariat, to look into non-aligned interests in between conferences.

MUCH DISAPPOINTMENT

There is a great deal of frustration and disappointment here that this prestigious conference, which attracted to Algiers some 60 heads of state or government among its 76 full members is ending on a low key, with the ascent on discussion.

The conference was marred for the Arab leaders, by the Palestinian kidnapping of four diplomats from the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Paris. With their attention diverted, the Arab leaders failed to exert the influence they had hoped for among African, Asian and Latin American non-aligned governments.

There was no agreement on a declaration of non-alignment, and much time was devoted to argument over the qualifications for membership of the group.

In a speech summing up summit deliberations, Boumedienne said: "The conference has laid down the conditions without which international peace and security cannot be guaranteed and could become devoid of any real significance. It has declared that world peace is indivisible."

He said the conference has adopted resolutions "renewing support for the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos and calling for the liberation of occupied Arab territories, the restoration of their rights."

Sudan military to control university

CAIRO (Reuters). — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri yesterday ended the four-day state of emergency in his country and began tackling the problems that caused student riots in Khartoum. He said the university had become "an instrument for conspiracy and disorder," and would be placed under military control.

The Sudanese Radio announced that the President had issued a special republican decree lifting the emergency, which was imposed during his attendance at the non-aligned summit meeting in Algiers.

Free Centre still bars signing of Centre Bloc

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Shmuel Tamir and his Free Centre appeared to be the obstacle last night to the signing of the three-party Likud covenant.

All programmatic differences having been ironed out between Gahal, the State List and the Free Centre what remains unsettled is the quarrel between the two smaller parties as to which will get the 36th place on the Likud Knesset candidates list.

OLD TACTICS

The Gahal delegation, comprising Simcha Britch and Ariel Sharon (Liberal) and Haim Landau (Herut), yesterday managed to persuade the State List to leave the issue to arbitration. The Free Centre rejected this proposal and reverted to its tactics of sending a lawyer's letter full of complaints to Gahal.

Gahal sources last night complained that they had been unable to reach Mr. Tamir since four p.m. yesterday, and this reporter tried unsuccessfully to raise him by phone at his Herzliya Pituach home last night.

Moreover, his energetic spokesman, Elmad Omerat, was also out of reach.

Last night some sources in Gahal registered their anxiety that Mr.

Tamir, subject to pressure from those of his supporters who were dissatisfied with the terms of the Likud covenant, might scuttle the scheme at the last moment.

What gave some substance to these suspicions was the fact that the operative decisions adopted by the Free Centre executive on Saturday night have been kept a secret. It is known that some of Mr. Tamir's younger supporters have warned him that the Herut veterans are laying a trap for him inside the Likud. The sharpest opposition came from those who consider that their chances for election to the Knesset would improve if the Free Centre ran, on its own slate.

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of the Palestinian peoples and support of African liberation movements.

The conference also has adopted an economic action programme claiming for every country the right to nationalize foreign companies operating in its territory and to lay the rules for adequate compensation.

BRAZIL RAPS CASTRO

Earlier, Brazil rejected as "false and baseless" Premier Castro's charges that Brazil was becoming a military base for the U.S. Castro's attack on Brazil was omitted from the official Algerian version of his speech, apparently to cool down the summit controversy.

Castro declined to use his right of reply and thus defused a growing squabble — although he had been watching back and forth in his seat during the verbal assault from Brazil's Vladimir Mourinho.

Boumedienne announced agreement on convening the next summit conference in Ceylon and the one after in Latin America. He did not say whether the summit had agreed on the Latin American country to play host.

Boumedienne also announced that Zaire and Uganda had communicated to him their decision to recognize the Cambodian exile government of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, while Zaire and Cuba decided to establish diplomatic relations between their countries.

(UPI, Reuters, AP)

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Sakharov ally defies Soviet order to see psychiatrist

MOSCOW (UPI). — Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, an ally of the American-based Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, HIAS, will no longer extend help to Jewish emigrants from the U.S.S.R. who seek its assistance in immigrating to a Western country after first coming to Israel. The new policy took effect yesterday.

The HIAS European headquarters in Rome is at present assisting more than 800 Soviet Jews, the majority of whom declined to go on to Israel when they arrived in Vienna from the U.S.S.R. However, the group includes several score families who did come to Israel but then left for Rome after failure to find a satisfactory place in Israeli society.

HIAS has during the last three years obtained immigration permits, mostly to the U.S. and Canada, for several hundred Soviet Jewish families. Recently, the U.S. passed legislation with regard to a group of such families which dispensed with certain lengthy formalities required of immigrants to the U.S.

In a television interview last night Uzi Narkis, head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, said HIAS has discontinued assistance to the families leaving Israel because Israel cannot be considered a "country of distress."

Last June, when this reporter visited the Jewish Agency's immigrant transit center in Schoenau, Vienna, he was told by the director, Meir Lutan, that the centre helps arrivals from the Soviet Union to get in touch with HIAS if they do not want to go to Israel. He added that this is done only after officials at Schoenau fail to persuade the emigrants to give Israel "at least a try."

In Jerusalem yesterday, Deputy

Mrs. Meir on leave from her office

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

Premier Golda Meir has taken three days leave from her office to carry on her work at home. She will return to the Prime Minister's Office as usual tomorrow when she will receive Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Graber, among other appointments.

Mrs. Meir's staff are continuing to confer with her at her Jerusalem residence, bringing her files and state correspondence, and seeking her decisions on matters customarily referred to her.

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Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Graber speaking after his arrival at Lod Airport yesterday, as Foreign Minister Eban listens. (Times)

Swiss effort to counter terror told by F.M.

LOD AIRPORT. — Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Graber, who arrived here yesterday on an official five-day visit, told waiting newsmen that his country is doing all it can to find a solution to the problem of terrorism and "is also not apathetic to taking whatever real measures are possible in the struggle against terror."

Mr. Graber, accompanied by his wife and an entourage of six senior Swiss Foreign Ministry officials, was welcomed by Foreign Minister Abba Eban. He noted that while Switzerland is a neutral country, this does not mean it is indifferent. But, like Israel, it is a small country and not really able to initiate any sort of mediation in major disputes.

"However, we are always ready to offer our good offices, particularly in solving humanitarian problems," he said, citing his country's role in the recent Indo-Pakistani conflict, "and we are prepared to put these good offices at the disposal of all who are prepared to make use of them."

Mr. Graber, who has just concluded a visit to Egypt, said in reply to a question that he has brought no message with him from Cairo, and all he has to deliver are Switzerland's own opinions. The purpose of his visit is twofold, he said — to receive first-hand information about the situation in the area, and to explain the basic outlines of Switzerland's present policy.

On Arab terrorism, the Swiss Foreign Minister said his own country has in the past fallen victim to terrorism in the air and has drawn the necessary conclusions. Switzerland is doing all it can to find a solution to the problem, he said, and "is not apathetic to" the adoption of effective measures to fight terror.

Mr. Graber will meet President Ephraim Katzir, Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, Prime Minister Golda Meir and other leaders. (Times)

HIAS halts aid to Soviet Jews who leave

By GEORGE LEONOF

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Kuwait to let PLO decide gunmen's fate

By ANAN SAFADI

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Kuwait yesterday hinted it was leaving it up to the Palestinian sabotage movement to decide the fate of the five Arab gunmen who surrendered at Kuwait's airport on Saturday night following the weekend hijacking.

The five gunmen surrendered after four days in which they stormed the Saudi Arabian embassy in Paris and then flew to the Middle East with four Saudi diplomats as hostages. They threatened to execute the diplomats unless a Fatah leader, Abu Daoud, was released from a life sentence he is serving in Jordan.

The four freed hostages flew to Saudi Arabia yesterday without making any statement. They were released unharmed Saturday night when the gunmen surrendered after failing to achieve their demands. The last was that they be provided with a crew for the plane they were occupying.

The Kuwaiti authorities last night said they were waiting for the arrival of a special terrorist delegation to take part in the interrogation of the five gunmen in an army camp near Kuwait's desert international airport.

Kuwait stressed that it was no longer bound by a previous promise of safe conduct, since the gunmen forfeited this by making new demands shortly before their surrender.

The gunmen said they belonged to an "al-Iqbal" (punishment) organization. The PLO said the group did not exist. However, it is believed to be one of several units the Fatah and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine have been recently sending on missions.

The parent organizations disclaim any connection with them in order to avoid international criticism and the anger of conservative Arab governments — especially those of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, both of which have been providing the terrorist movement with generous financial aid.

Israel seeks international condemnation of Rome plot

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Cabinet yesterday that the Israel Government will make efforts to obtain international condemnation of the Arab terrorist plot to attack El Al airliners in Rome.

The Minister said that a note would be circulated to all members of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Israel's delegates to the ICAO would raise the issue during the current conference, he said, praising what he called "the vigorous and impressive stand" taken at the opening of the conference by Ambassador Amiel Najjar (who heads the Rome Embassy and the delegation to the ICAO conference).

Mr. Eban said that Israeli envoys in various world capitals were demanding that the governments to which they are accredited make statements, condemning the Rome bid to interfere with the freedom of civil aviation.

Jerusalem had also drawn the attention of the U.S. Government to the implications of the supply of sophisticated Soviet weapons, for international terrorist designs, he told the Cabinet.

Summing up a brief discussion in the Cabinet, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon said that the terrorist plot to hit passenger planes with missiles must be viewed with extreme gravity.

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Knesset session next Monday

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset will interrupt its summer recess for a special session next Monday to debate a motion tabled by Gahal, the Free Centre and the State List, calling for the Basic Law: Human Rights to be brought for its first reading.

This was decided by Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu yesterday after the three factions collected the statutory 30 signatures required for a special session.

The session would probably have been held this week, were it not for the Histadrut elections tomorrow which is keeping most parliamentarians busy.

BEERSHEBA. — Egypt is still receiving large quantities of arms from the U.S.S.R. though this fact goes unpublicized, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said here last night.

"While six years have passed since the Six Day War," he told an Alignment Histadrut-election rally, "we still live under the shadow of war, and our plans for the next four years must be made accordingly." These plans should be based on defence and development of Jewish land, he added.

Israel will develop Jewish settlements in Rafah and in the Golan Heights, Mr. Dayan forecast. "There will be no Palestinian State, no Jordanian Jerusalem, and no Syrian Golan," he asserted. The Arabs have the oil, the money and the votes, but Israel has adequate forces to defend itself, and need not rely on international forces, or guarantees.

"We are in the midst of a political struggle," the Defence Minister went on to say, "which is not likely to be easy for us — especially in the face of the notes sounded by the Security Council, the ICAO, and at the Conference of Non-aligned nations."

The world is becoming more unrestrained, he said, and no one seems concerned that armed terrorists walk Paris streets and the U.S.S.R. arms them.

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Social and Personal

South African Supreme Court Justice Mr. J. H. Steyn yesterday called on President of the Israel Supreme Court Justice Simon Agranat.

The Minister of State Universities in Thailand, Dr. E. Binson, yesterday visited Bar-Ilan University and called on the Rector, Prof. Menahem Zvi Kaddari.

Sgan-Aluf Michael Almagor has been appointed officer responsible for Kiryat Arba, the Jewish suburb of Hebron, in place of Sgan-Aluf Zvi Merhav.

Rabbi Yosef Schechter has been appointed Director of the Eyal Brith Hillel Foundation at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Harry V. Gelboin, Ph.D., Chief of Cardiology at the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Md., is to lecture on Pharmacological Aspects of Chemical Carcinogenesis at 12.00 o'clock today, September 10, 1973, in Hall "Gimel," Mezzanine floor, the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Ein Kerem, Jerusalem.

BRENNER: to Miriam and Harold Brenner, of Ramat Eyal, on September 5, a daughter, Sharon, sister to Eyal, grand-daughter to Harriet and Sam Levin.

ARRIVALS

Gidon Ben-Yisrael, Chief Labour Relations officer, from an international conference of labour relations in London. Raymundo Cano Ferreira, Director of the Mexican air line, C.M.A., as the guest of El Al.

DEPARTURES

Director-General of the Interior Ministry, Haim Kibetsky, for Copenhagen, to attend an international planning congress. (By S.A.S.)

CAR KILLS MAN

RAMLE. — A pedestrian, Shlomo Bakar, 53, of Rehovot, was killed here yesterday morning when he was struck by a car while crossing Rehov Herzl. The driver of the car has been held for questioning.

Fresh bid to end nurses' strike

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — An attempt to end the 12-day strike of 350 operating theatre nurses was made last night by Labour Court Judge Nehemia Gutman.

The judge, who spoke to both sides in his chambers, said that he was willing to postpone — if only for a short while — handing down decisions in the case if he could be sure that both sides would sit down immediately and try to settle their differences.

The delegates of the nurses and of Kupat Holim thereupon began making efforts to arrange a meeting of representatives of the inter-ministerial committee of employers (which represents Kupat Holim, the government and the municipalities), the Histadrut and the Nurses' Union. It was difficult to locate many of the representatives, who were making Histadrut election speeches in various parts of the country. The attempts were continuing late last night.

Representatives of the striking nurses and of Kupat Holim had appeared in the Labour Court at 8 o'clock last night to hear Judge Gutman hand down his decision on a request by the nurses to cancel the "back-to-work" orders.

RENA and MICHAEL KLEIN are happy to announce the birth of their daughter DAPHNE SARAH Granddaughter of Germaine and Dario Siam, Thessalonika, Greece; Edith and Zoltan Klein, Chifton, New Jersey and Netanya Saturday, August 8, 1973, Hadassah, Jerusalem

The Israel Museum, Jerusalem YOUTH WING CLASSES start Sunday, Sept. 30, and not as published.

LIBERAL LABOUR MOVEMENT (Independent Liberals and Unaffiliated)

TOO BUSY STEALING TO SEE TO PASSENGERS'

Dan, Nili crew accused of widespread corruption

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. — A private investigator has charged that some crew members of Israel's two passenger liners, Dan and Nili, are so deeply engaged in large-scale pilfering of ships' supplies, illegal currency dealing, gambling and smuggling that they have only limited time to spare for the care of their passengers.

The Karol Singer Investigation Agency was commissioned by the Zim Company to probe conditions on the ships, and a number of the agency's men "worked" on the ships for several months. A confidential report, described as "interim," has now been issued.

The report alleges that large quantities of ships' supplies bought in Haifa are "lost" on the way to the ship through connivance between crew members, employees of the suppliers and drivers. Some of these goods are sold in Haifa, some abroad. Expensive products, like meat, often go to foreign buyers.

The investigators allegedly found bottles of whisky filled with water among drinks loaded in the port. Shortcomings in the procedure for weighing and counting supplies on board made the work of pilferers fairly easy.

"There is virtually no stock taking" at the end of each sailing, the report says. The detectives believe that hundreds of kilograms of expensive meat, officially served to the passengers, were stolen and sold by crew members.

The report noted five ways alleged to have been used by some of the men to smuggle goods into Haifa, and more than hints at connivance with officials in some cases to get the goods past the customs.

The detectives were also said to have found that the smugglers "exert pressure" on immigrants and tourists sailing on the ships to help them get contraband goods past the customs. Passengers who don't cooperate may often get bad service.

The investigators claim that a Mafia-type gang of crew members on the Dan organizes many of the illegal activities, such as the exchange of Israel pounds into foreign currency at greatly inflated rates for Israel passengers going abroad.

On the Nili, "only two men engage in this business," the report says.

The report refers also to "almost nightly gambling, for extremely

high stakes, up to tens of thousands of pounds" among some crew members.

Their detectives sum up: "The mad rush for 'shopping' in foreign ports by some of the men; their anxious efforts to 'make arrangements' to get their contraband safely ashore, and their gambling, have caused nervous illnesses and ulcers." Morale is low and the service to passengers "very bad" because some of the men consider their wages only a minor part of their income.

Their illegal activities have caused great losses to the company, its good name and the Israel Treasury, say the investigators.

The company operates at a loss of over \$1m. a year, and this is covered by the State.

The Haifa Police spokesman told The Post that no complaints of illegal activities on board the ships

have been lodged by the company. Senior Zim official, Captain Nimrod Kishel, told The Post last night that the management would "not" as it is bound to "when more concrete evidence is made available."

The publication of the report would make this more difficult, he said.

He stressed that the findings concerned only part of the crews, and that the management had "not" ordered the investigation because "we had reasonable grounds to suppose that it was needed."

A secretary of the Seamen's Union, asked to comment, said that it was not the business of a trade union to deal with alleged crimes. There are appropriate authorities, he said.

It is learnt that the private detectives are continuing their investigations with a view to pinpointing suspects.

NRP Ministers to meet Allon today on Jerusalem school dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yigal Allon surveyed the Ministry's achievements on the opening of the new school year at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, with the National Religious Party Ministers complaining of discrimination against religious education in Jerusalem.

Mr. Allon is due to confer informally this morning with the three N.R.P. Ministers, Yosef Burg, Zerah Warhaftig, and Michael Hase, in a bid to sort out the tangles created by the religious parents' disagreement with the Jerusalem education authorities over school premises.

The Education Minister, who was assisted by his Director-General, Elad Peled, said the school network had 35,000 more pupils this year than last year. New developments included more facilities for pre-school age-groups, a long school day being experimentally tried in 40 schools, special classes for gifted pupils, and the planning of new curricula and text-books.

One-third of all 10th grade pupils were now receiving free schooling, the Minister said. The number of vocational students was steadily increasing, and the number of pupils at teachers training colleges was 30 per cent higher this year than last year.

The three N.R.P. Ministers, who all spoke, praised the general achievements of the Ministry, but said it was high time that the Jerusalem education authorities paid proper attention to the welfare of the religious children in Kiryat Shmuel and Katamon, and "stopped playing politics to spite the religious parents."

CREME DE LA CREME Interior Minister Yosef Burg said that the religious parents who set up the tent classes in the grounds of the Paula Ben-Gurion school in the Valley of the Cross represented some of Jerusalem's most active and productive intelligentsia. The Municipality was not showing these parents the concern which they merited, Dr. Burg said.

Golan Druse call for annexation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Dozens of Druse notables in the Golan Heights have appealed to the Defence Minister and senior army officers with a request that Israel annex the Heights and grant the 10,000 residents Israel citizenship. They say that the main reason for their request is that they cannot be loyal to two states which are hostile to each other.

The appeals, which were presented individually, were signed by sheikhs, religious leaders and heads of clans in the four Druse Golan villages.

In an appeal to the Chief of Staff, the heads of the clans pleaded that the Military Governor, Aluf Mishneh Shmuel Dotan, remain in his post. Some of them noted that he had succeeded to turn some anti-Israeli residents into eager supporters of Israel.

CUBA

(Continued from page 1)

Ministry and handed a note with the terms of the rupture and the reasons for it. Until this happens, Jerusalem cannot react officially to the rupture.

Cuba and Rumania were the only two Communist countries which did not break ties with Israel after the Six Day War.

Israelis who have met Fidel Castro say that he is ruled by emotional impulse and not by logic. The fact that Havana knew nothing about his decision in Algiers yesterday does not surprise anyone, since he has often taken state decisions impulsively and sought formal approval after the fact. Dr. Castro has also amended or reinterpreted some of these map decisions in the past.

Relations with Cuba have always been sound and in recent months there was no sign of deterioration. Castro was never anti-Jewish, and never anti-Israel. He permitted a Zionist movement to operate in Cuba and sought Israeli technical experts, mainly in agriculture and rural development. Over the years, he made a number of pro-Arab statements without lending them a tinge of violent hostility to Israel.

Experts in Latin American politics do not believe that any other Latin American states will follow Castro's lead. The only comparable leftist state, Chile, displays strong sympathy for Israel.

Castro's line in Algiers, as the spokesman of the Soviet Union, is thought to have alienated certain Arab states so much, that he may have decided to woo Arab opinion there by spearheading the political boycott of Israel, which the Arabs have been vainly demanding throughout the Non-Aligned Conference.

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One million eligible to vote in Histadrut election tomorrow

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Most polling booths for the Histadrut elections will open at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning and close at 11 p.m. In a few places, opening time will be at 6 in villages the booths will close at 9 p.m.

A total of 1,159,852 persons are eligible to vote in the elections and have a choice of 13 lists. They will choose 1,801 delegates for the 12th national convention and the 12 regional councils. There are 3,060 voting booths.

Voters must present their Histadrut membership cards at the polling booth. No other identification will be accepted.

Voters have been informed by card at what polling station they are registered. If they are unable to get there they can vote at one of the 187 "transfer" booths.

Except for this exception, which had been sanctioned in the Histadrut constitution, the Histadrut polling rules are as strict as those for the Knesset elections, and need almost as large an organization. Mr. Aharon Harel, head of the Organizational Department of the Histadrut, told the press yesterday.

The greatest number of eligible voters are in Haifa — 170,000 — who comprise 14.6 per cent of the total. Next comes Tel Aviv (144,000, or 12 per cent), Jerusalem (82,500, or 7 per cent), and Ramat Gan (60,700, or 5 per cent).

Mr. Harel said that 15 per cent of the notices sent to voters were returned because of a change of address.

The results will be processed more quickly than four years ago — by the Tel Aviv University computers.

Mr. Harel said that a team of commentators, headed by the Government statistician, Hanoch Smith, expects to be able to indicate the general trend on the polling shortly after midnight. The commentators will base their assumptions on the strength of information from two sample groups of 50 polling stations.

The final, although unofficial, results should be known by 6 a.m. on Wednesday.

Government and Histadrut firms as well as the banks have tomorrow a half-day holiday through the Manufacturers' Association has refused to do this, understood that many plans the banks will work half day.

In the 1969 elections, there were 978,445 eligible voters, 181,407 fewer than this year. There was a poll of about 90 per cent of the total. Gahal, Independent Liberals six, Shalom, Religious Workers two, Free Centre two, and Hachol Hasech Socialist and Ahva each one-half of one per cent.

6,300 eligible in East Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 6,300 East Jerusalem residents are eligible to vote tomorrow's elections, almost twice as many as in 1969. There will be 15 polling stations in Jerusalem.

Six Arab candidates will be running for the Jerusalem Labour and the Histadrut conven the last elections a number announced their candidacy drew after terrorist threats

Jewish settlements stem "outdated socialist theory" applied to the liberation of the future of Jewish ment in these areas.

SOCIAL WELFARE Minister Moshe Dayan, who has N.R.P.'s election campaign, day came out with a shar against the Government's provide housing for child meahav members in their ommunities. The intention is live near their parents in tradition to the Governn repeated policies on popula person, he said, and serves the young people into th away from the environ which they grew, and int of alienation.

PREMIER GOLDA MEIR, Minister Moshe Dayan, Premier Yigal Allon, and Secretary-General Yitzhak Abaram yesterday in the final Histadrut television broadcast last night.

The film was

25,000 for next week's March



Dutch group which arrived at Lod Airport yesterday to take part in the Three-Day March. (Israel Sun)

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The final number of participants in this year's Three-Day March, expected to be around 25,000. By September 10, over 21,000 had already registered.

Despite a strike by Gadsa councilors, nearly 8,000 youngsters registered directly, they will form the largest single group participating. Some 2,000 soldiers and 6,000 individuals will also take part. In addition to 84 organized groups totaling more than 3,000 marchers and 10 national contingents, making up another 1,500 persons.

The first overseas contingent from Holland, arrived yesterday. As soon as they stepped off the plane, the Dutch marchers broke into Israeli songs and performed Israeli folk-dances on the tarmac in front of the air terminal. Most of them are no strangers to Israel, many having participated in previous marches.

"March City" at Beit El has already been completed, and the overseas participants will move into the encampment from today.

Woman prof. fined for insulting policewoman
A woman professor of medicine from Jerusalem was fined IL300 by the Chief Magistrate yesterday, for insulting a policewoman on duty. Prof. Brurya Mueham, 56, of the Jerusalem Medical Center, was convicted of calling policewoman Farida Ben-David "stupid," "idiot," and "bitch" when she issued a summons for illegal parking in Rehovot last year. Prof. Mueham pleaded that she was nervous at the time, as she was hurrying to a lecture she had to give at the medical school.

Back to school in Gaza region
JAZA. — The school year in the Gaza Strip, based on the Egyptian school calendar, began this morning. Last year, 120,000 pupils attended 40 schools in the Strip, including those run by Unrwa. The count for this year will not be known before next week.

Young camelier bitten and kicked
JAZA. — A 14-year-old boy was brought to the Shifa Hospital here yesterday with camel bites and kicks all over his body. Na'im Omer al-Magda, of Khan Yunis, said that he was leading the camel along the road when it turned on him, knocked him to the ground and began to bite and trample him. He was saved by a group of fellahin who came to his rescue.

Neighbours who know the beast said it is normally a docile animal and turns vicious only when it is beaten.

19% fall in August exports

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
August exports totalled \$108m., down from \$134m. in July, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Although August is seasonally a weaker month than July for Israel exports, the 19 per cent drop was greater than expected, according to economic observers.

The latest figures come a few days after the Bureau's announcement that the country's trade deficit had grown by 71 per cent in the first seven months of this year, compared with the same period a year ago. In July alone, imports exceeded exports by \$152m.

Although cumulative export statistics for the first six and seven months of 1973 look impressive, some economic circles raise a note of caution. They point to the fact that the main contributor to the percentage gains has been diamond exports, which the Ministry of Commerce and Industry classifies as an industrial export.

Though diamonds are a commodity of lasting value, the demand for them fluctuates widely, as is the case with other "luxury" items. Moreover, the price of raw, unpolished diamonds imported by Israel limits the added value on this export to a fifth or a quarter of the price.

Industrial exports for the first half of this year — diamonds ex-

Hod to replace Firon as Aircraft Industries chief

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent
LOD AIRPORT. — The former O.C. Air Force, Aluf (res.) Mordechai Hod, is expected to replace the present chairman of the board of Israel Aircraft Industries, Mordechai Firon, before the end of the year.

It is understood that Mr. Firon has been under pressure to resign for quite some time in view of the Defence Ministry attitude that the IAI chairman should serve full time. Mr. Firon, a lawyer, has been a part time chairman.

The Defence Ministry is keen to see Aluf Hod in the post as they feel he will be better qualified than others to evaluate and anticipate the Ministry's specific requirements.

Reports that the Managing Director of IAI, Mr. Al Schwimmer, would resign if Mr. Firon were to leave were denied by well-informed sources here yesterday. There have been persistent reports of differences between Mr. Schwimmer and Aluf Hod over some of IAI's development projects, specifically the Israel Air Force's lack of support for the Arava aircraft.

Mr. Firon declined all comment yesterday. "I will say all I have to say to the board only," he said. Similarly no comment was available from Defence Ministry or Israeli Aviation Industries circles.

Bat Yam plumber wins IL161,000 on 'Toto'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A plumber from Bat Yam, Moshe Fishbein, father of four children, was last night informed that he had scooped IL161,000 on last Saturday's Sportoto football pool. He was the only one to mark all 13 results correctly.

Mr. Fishbein, 44, a concentration camp survivor, invested one pound in the pool. He did not bother to check the results of the English League matches which were listed. "What do I know about English football?" he asked the Sportoto official who brought him the news of his win.

Mr. Fishbein's win follows by a few weeks that of his wife who received IL200 for guessing correctly 12 out of 13 results on the Israeli Toto.

Jailed for car theft in Sinai escapade
TEL AVIV. — A 17-year-old youth was sentenced by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday to five years in prison for stealing a car and driving it without a licence, in a case apparently connected to last month's abduction adventure by four other young persons in Sinai.

The prisoner, a resident of Neve Shalom, was with a larger group which stole two cars and exchanged their registration plates, according to the police. One of the cars was driven by three soldiers and an American girl, who were arrested near Santa Katerina later on suspicion of theft. They escaped from their provisional lock-up — a store-room containing weapons — and took two hostages with them.

The second car was driven by the accused, who was in the area at the time, but was not caught.

Canners may get half-price sardines

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Fishermen's Union is to start immediate negotiations with the canning industry on its offer to buy surplus sardine catches at half price. During the past month, the men have had to destroy 100 tons of fish, out of a total of 400 caught, because the canners would not take more than the 40 tons of a fish specified in the contract between them.

Union secretary Dov Schmiede told The Jerusalem Post that the men refused at first to consider the offer, but as the glut is continuing, and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has not been helpful, the men had now empowered him to explore the offer.

This is the first year that the quantity of fish accepted by the canneries has been limited by the contract. The Ministry took the view, during the lengthy negotiations for the contract, that sardines could be more cheaply imported from Portugal. However, since the recent worldwide price rises, "this is now doubtful," the Union believes.

The Union has meanwhile fixed quotas for the fishermen, to prevent surpluses, and has also supplied small quantities of fish to zoos and mink raisers. Because of the shortage of cold storage, space, they have found it impossible to store sardines for off-season sale to the canneries.

Higher allowance for the first two

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Knesset Labour Committee voted on Friday to increase workers' family allowances by a half. Such a move would bring the monthly National Insurance Institute payments for the first two children up to IL20 each, from the present IL10.

The increase would be retroactive to September 1.

ISRAELI LAST IN WATER-POLO

BEELGRADE (Reuters). — Israel ended the World Water-Polo Championships here yesterday in sixteenth and last place. The Israeli squad went down 2:3 and 1:12 to Bulgaria and Australia in its last two matches.

Hungary now leads the competition ahead of the Soviet Union — the Olympic champions — and Yugoslavia.

Rehovot delegates argue over the worth of planning

By PHILIP GILLON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — Planners propose, but politicians dispute. This was one of the themes that ran through several of the discussions yesterday at the Rehovot Conference on Economic Growth in Developing Countries. The delegates divided into three workshops yesterday.

Dr. Koichi Mera, senior economist of the International Development Centre of Japan, surprised his audience by suggesting that most plans do more harm than good: by setting up forecasts, they tended to direct the future stream of consumption and production.

However, as targets were not over-ambitious, the plans tended to inhibit growth rather than stimulate it.

Dr. Mera praised Israel as a country which had never done anything with its economic plans but still them away in pigeonholes. "Those places which have shown remarkable growth in the past, such as Japan, Singapore and Hongkong, are among the very ones which do not produce official five-year plans," said Dr. Mera. "Israel is a notable exception. It has achieved a high rate of growth in spite of Five Year Plans."

Dr. John Adler, Director of Programming and Budgeting for the World Bank, was rather less critical of planners, although his praise was somewhat faint: he said rather dubiously that planning was useful, especially because of its public relations effects on politicians and public. The planners functioned as a fire brigade for the politicians over a short term, but plans should interfere as little as possible with the development of the economy and the freedom of the individual.

Furthermore, the preparation of a plan should not be used as an excuse for inaction, as in certain South American countries. Lieut.-Col. J. Eshkol, Special Assistant to the Head of State and Commissioner for Finance and Economic Planning, Ghana, said heatedly that, without adequate planning, he could not deal with his central problem, foreign exchange. What was he to tell his producers? How was he to allocate the foreign exchange available?

The same view was taken by Mr. Alfredo Benjamin Noyola, Executive Secretary of the National Planning Council, El Salvador, and Dr. Alejandro Suela, Deputy Director-General of Cordillera, Venezuela: they maintained that it was the obligation of the State to issue directives.

Dr. Vito Estrella, Minister of Development, Dominican Republic,



Dr. Koichi Mera, from Japan, left, the Singapore Minister of Culture, Jek Yean Theng, and Dr. D. Genichevsky, of the Bank of Israel, at the Rehovot Conference yesterday. Dr. Mera caused a stir by his strong criticism of planning.

POPULATION CONTROL

Professor Elihu Bergman, of the Centre for Population Studies, Harvard University, said that to get the full cooperation of the people it was necessary to redefine fertility control programmes so as to include all kinds of criteria in each community. He cited the example of China, where each community has a council to decide which women should bear children in the coming year and which should not.

He gave an instance when something went wrong with the implementation of the plan — a woman became pregnant who was not supposed to. A young partner, chosen to deliver that year, nobly volunteered to skip her right so that the village quota would not be endangered.

The offering of financial incentives to people not to have children was urged by Professor Stephen Enke, Consulting Economist, Defence Programs, General Electric Corporation. The most promising incentives would be to pay women of fecund age not to get pregnant — it would pay a country with \$250 per capita income to give a woman \$50 a year to refrain from fertility.

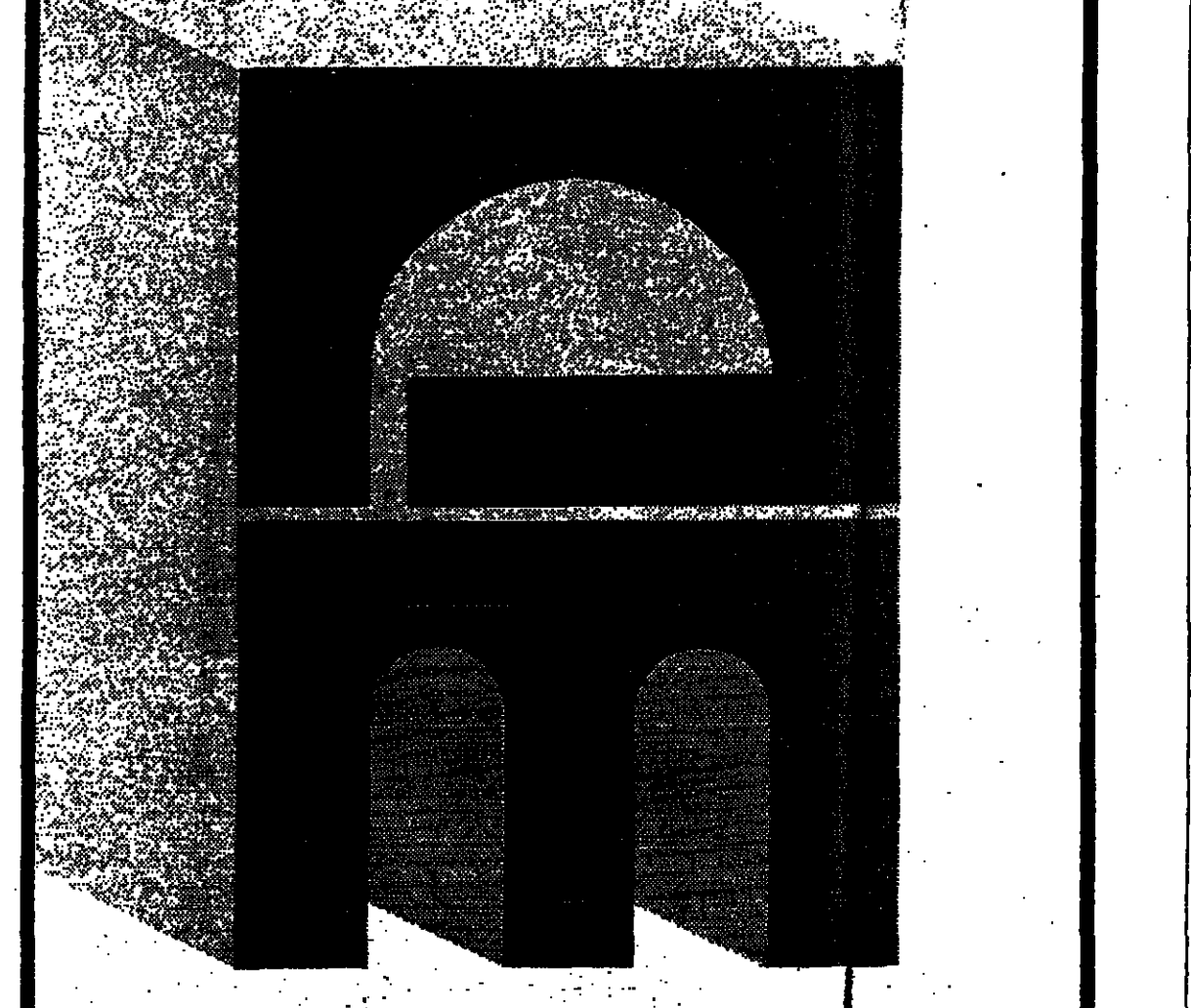
Dr. Hans Broder Krohn, Director-General for Development and Cooperation of the E.E.C. pointed out that the Community's nine member states absorb some 40 per cent of the developing countries' exports, supply 40 per cent of official and private sources of income; have sent 70,000 experts and teachers to these lands; and have trained 57,000 students. Thus the E.E.C. contribution is as great as that of the U.S. On the other hand, the Community was dependent on developing countries for oil, agricultural and industrial raw materials.

Dr. Krohn said that there was now a greater awareness of the Community's responsibilities to the developing countries, and the policy of cooperation was expected to become more strongly emphasized in new agreements now that the E.E.C. had expanded.

The conference resumes today. Foreign Minister Abba Eban gave a dinner on Saturday night for some of the delegates attending the conference.

Workers to train in West Germany

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A group of 40 workers will leave for Germany this month for advanced technological training, the Labour Ministry has announced. The workers, engaged in the metal, woodworking, food and printing industries, will spend time in counterpart firms in Germany, in a scheme financed by the West German Government in cooperation with the Peretz Naftali and Friedrich Ebert funds.



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Nixon prods Congress to pass major bills

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon appealed yesterday for swift Congressional passage of his major legislative proposals, calling for extra sessions, if necessary, to complete the task. He asked Americans to prod Congress into fighting inflation and to pass his proposals in the areas of energy, schools, and crime.

He also insisted that Congress place no limits on Presidential powers that "would jeopardize the capacity of the President, in this and in future administrations, to carry out his responsibilities to the American people."

He also warned against any tampering with the defence budget of more than \$79,000 million, terming national defence an area of "transcendent importance."

"In recent years, it has been fashionable to suggest that whatever we want in the way of extra programmes at home could be painlessly financed by just topping five or 20 billion dollars out of the defence budget," Nixon said.

"This approach is worse than foolhardy, it is suicidal," he said. "The world's hope for peace depends on America's strength," he said. "It depends absolutely on our never falling into the position of being the second strongest power in the world."

Nixon presented his case in a taped 10-minute nationwide radio broadcast, previewing a bulky second address he will send to the Democratic-controlled Congress today, urging action on 50 Administration measures.

In his speech, Nixon dealt at length first with the effort to achieve "full prosperity, without inflation and without war."

While claiming "substantial progress" in achieving that goal, Nixon said rising prices pose a major challenge.

"We still face the prospect of strong inflationary pressures as a result of overprinting by the Federal Government," he said.

By implication, the President again asked the nation to turn away from the Watergate scandal.

He said that to achieve Administration goals "also means holding the spotlight of public attention and public debate on those issues that directly and personally affect you and your lives." (AP, UPI)

Jordan newsmen 'told to stop insulting Israel'

BEIRUT (AFP). — Jordan's Information Minister, Marwan Daudin, has appealed to Jordanian newsmen "to avoid impolite references to Israel," the Palestine News Agency reported here yesterday.

According to the report, the Minister sent a circular to all newsmen in Jordan asking them to avoid such phrases as "the Zionist enemy" and to call the Jewish State simply "Israel." He also asked them to refrain from describing Israeli actions in the administered territories as "barbaric," "vicious," or "Naz."

WHO wants probe of conditions in areas

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — A regional health conference has decided to make health services available to Israeli administered Arab territory, and to form an international committee to investigate the health conditions of the Arab population.

This was announced by a spokesman of the regional conference of the World Health Organization (WHO), which began on Saturday at the summer resort of Bloudan, about 50 kms. from Damascus.

He also stressed the need for promoting health cooperation between the countries of the region and decentralized WHO services.

Laird warns of Russian arms gains

WASHINGTON (UPI). — White House adviser Melvin Laird said yesterday the Soviet Union was using the current thaw in relations with the U.S. to gain an advantage in weapons.

The former Secretary of Defence — still a member of the National Security Council — said he did not believe that "an apparent easing of relations with the Soviet Union means there has been a fundamental change in their objectives."

In an interview in "U.S. News and World Report," Laird said the Russians are "in a position" to use arms-control acts "to their advantage."

"They feel they've lulled Western Europe and the U.S. into a feeling that the Russians really aren't doing much in the national security field. The fact is they are progressing all the time. The Soviet weapons momentum continues," he said.

According to Laird, "the Soviet Union is pressing forward with the fastest growing military establishment and research and development programme of any nation in the world today."

They were kept in a prison camp in South Vietnam, mostly made up of small huts. There three of her colleagues, two of them women, died of starvation within three months. Another man, Bernhard Diehl, 26, of Worms, Germany, lived. "I was unconscious from starvation for seven weeks, I don't know how I survived," Miss Schwinn said.

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The bomb-damaged booking office in London's Victoria Station, which was evacuated only three minutes before the blast went off. (AP radiophoto)

Police raid London homes in hunt for terrorists

LONDON. — Armed police day raided houses in the area in their hunt for the b who planted a bomb in Victoria station on Saturday, five people, none seriously.

Other raids were carried out in the northern city of Manchester where detectives searched for after a bomb exploded in three downtown stores. A fire-bomb was found and harmless. No one was injured.

Police spokesmen in both said no arrests had yet been made and nothing incriminating was in the raids.

In the past three weeks more than 40 satchel bombs, letters and incendiary devices have been discovered in London, Birmingham and British embassies in P. Washington. Several have wounded more than 10 people.

A police spokesman said the bombs were preceded by a warning from an unidentified source with a strong Irish accent. E is no evidence that the bomb work of the extremists is a IRA.

Police said they received minute warning on the London enabling them to evacuate all of the estimated 1,000 workers in Victoria Station before the bomb went off, and shop windows and scatter in the streets. (UPI)

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Sunday Times' reports mass poisoning in Iraq

LONDON. — Tens of thousands were killed or maimed in Iraq in the biggest mass poisoning campaign in history, the "Sunday Times" said here yesterday.

The newspaper claimed that the Iraqi government hushed up the catastrophe two years ago in which victims ate grain intended for export and treated with a mercury compound. It said the Iraqi situation is not new and added that in the past few years similar reports have come in from Pakistan, India and various Near East nations which use the Mexpack variety of wheat developed there.

"We need the fungicide to keep the wheat from rotting away," said the newspaper, which got the product, should give out more warning, not just on the bags or sacks which hold the product, but also in the press, radio and television.

The "Sunday Times" article indicated that the Iraqi government dropped 500,000 leaflets warning that the seed should only be used for planting and made each peasant receiving a consignment sign a form stating he knew of its poisonous qualities. Despite this, Hughes said, the wheat was widely used for consumption with tragic consequences that are even evident today from the number of people in the countryside still showing the long-term signs of mercury poisoning. (AP, UPI)



Naples fishermen defiantly eating raw mussels on Saturday, after authorities destroyed mussel beds — the shellfish are a major vehicle of cholera infection. (AP radiophoto)

Neapolitans defy ban on cholera-infected mussels

ROME. — Two more people have died from cholera in Naples, where people are reported to be defying a Government ban on eating mussels.

The most recent victims, a 65-year-old man and a 68-year-old woman, who both died on Saturday, brought the death toll in Italy's cholera epidemic to 23.

Authorities in Naples said people were still eating mussels and other shellfish, despite a nationwide ban on their sale and consumption.

They urged the people to obey the order. Cholera-infected mussels have been blamed for the epidemic, which first broke out in Naples.

A group of Neapolitan fishermen, angered at the ban which has taken away their livelihood, allowed themselves to be photographed eating raw mussels.

Naples health authorities have appealed for those who have not yet been vaccinated to come forward to receive anti-cholera serum. The Cotugno Hospital in Naples is caring for 101 cholera cases. But in the past 24 hours, only one patient has been confirmed as suffering from the disease.

In Bari on the Adriatic, where the disease spread from Naples, there are 98 confirmed cholera cases, Italian Health Minister Luigi Gui said the worst was over and the situation was under control, but there would probably be a few more isolated cases. Pescara on the Adriatic, Bologna in central Italy and Taranto in the south each reported one confirmed cholera case on Saturday.

In an effort to help fight the disease, a Jerusalem pharmaceutical firm yesterday sent 700,000 doses of anti-cholera vaccine to Italy. The firm, Rata Laboratories, stepped up its production of the vaccine to meet the demand. In 1970 the firm exported some 3,000,000 doses of the vaccine, mainly to Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda and Turkey. (Ithm, Reuter)

Soviets attack foreign supporters of Sakharov as enemies of detente

MOSCOW. — Tass news agency said yesterday that statements in Austria and Sweden were among foreigners "trying to distort the actual state of affairs" about the current Soviet campaign against nuclear physicist Andrei Sakharov.

Sakharov, a developer of the Soviet hydrogen bomb and a civil rights activist, has been under attack for critical comments about the Soviet system he made in an August 21 interview with Western correspondents. He repeated the criticism at a news conference on Saturday and also charged that Soviet psychiatrists were using mind-altering drugs on healthy dissidents held in mental asylums.

"A Sakharov's vituperations against the Soviet Union's active foreign policy (which are) directed at improving the international climate, have been worthily rebutted by the broadest segments of the Soviet public," Tass said.

Tass condemned the scientist's behaviour as "direct assistance to reactionaries, enemies of peace, and exponents of the Cold War."

"It is not surprising when zeal is displayed by people who openly and constantly oppose detente. But it is strange when they are joined by some statesmen in Sweden or Austria who, moreover, try to link their statements on this subject with the European Security Conference."

Tass was referring to comments made recently by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and Swedish Foreign Minister Krister Wikman, in which they said the Soviet campaign against such persons as Sakharov would not help detente in the world.

At his news conference on Saturday, Sakharov repeated a warning against "an illusory detente that is not accompanied by an increase in trust and democratization."

Soviet Jewish scientists support dissidents

MOSCOW (Reuter). — A group of 10 Soviet Jewish scientists warned yesterday that the current official campaign here against writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn and physicist Andrei Sakharov was preparing the ground for police action against them.

The warning came in a statement issued by the 10 Jews, including Dr. Sakharov's fellow member of the prestigious Soviet Academy of Sciences, Benjamin Levich. The letter described the writer and the physicist as people "any great country would be proud of."

All the signatories to the letter have applied for visas to leave the U.S.S.R. for Israel and all have been refused. But they said this did not mean they could "remain indifferent to Russia, its people and culture."

"If any enemy appeared who wanted to destroy everything beautiful in this country, he would begin with Solzhenitsyn and Sakharov," the statement, made available to foreign correspondents in Moscow, said.

"Any great country would be proud of these people, and only Russia carries on its old traditions of devouring its best sons," the statement declared.

The Soviet campaign "has as its aim the intimidation of all free-thinkers, and the preparation of public opinion for future repression."

"If repression break over the heads of Sakharov and Solzhenitsyn, then the U.S.S.R. will return to the darkest years of its history, and the phantom of a St. Bartholomew's Night will hang over all of us," the statement added.

During the St. Bartholomew massacre in France in the 16th Century, thousands of Protestant Huguenots were killed because of their religious beliefs.

The statement also declared that writers and scientists who had joined the campaign against the two dissident figures "have excluded themselves for all time from the ranks of the intelligentsia."

Dr. Mark Azbel and Dr. Alexander Lunts were among the signers of the letter.

Jalloud says oil crisis is imperialist deception

LIBYAN (UPI). — Libyan Premier Muammar Jalloud said yesterday that the oil crisis is an "imperialist deception" aimed at justifying future intervention to take over the riches of Arab oil.

In statements published by Cairo's "al-Youssef" news magazine, Jalloud reported that new and important oil discoveries were made in Libya recently "which make sense of claims that Libyan oil reserves will be finished in 15 years."

Jalloud also said Libya will try to win a resolution from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) replacing the dollar as a "guaranteed currency" in oil payments.

Nine days ago, the Libyan Government nationalized 51 per cent of all foreign oil companies operating in Libya. The companies said they will fight the Libyan action and the U.S. State Department voiced its regret at the Libyan measures.

Aaron hits 709th homer: five to go

ATLANTA (AP). — Hank Aaron added within five home runs of quelling Babe Ruth's record 714 on Saturday night, when he cracked a 709th career homer.

The 39-year-old Atlanta Braves' slugger connected in the seventh inning of the game against the Cincinnati Reds. The shot came against left-hander Billingsham on a 1-1 pitch.

Aaron now has hit 36 home runs this season. He hit his 34th and 35th home runs of the season on Monday night, driving in three runs in Atlanta's 7-3 victory over San Diego.

Home No. 709 gave Aaron the record for the most homers hit in one league. Babe Ruth hit 708 as a Boston Red Sox and first for the New York Yankees. Ruth's final six home runs were hit when he closed at his fabulous career for the National League Braves, when the franchise was in Boston.

Aaron must hit 42 home runs this season to break Ruth's record, once considered an insurmountable total. He has 19 more games left on the 1973 schedule.

'Al Ahram' raps Anti-Portugal riot in Switzerland

CAIRO (AP). — The Egyptian semi-official newspaper "Al Ahram" lashed out yesterday at the Palestinian terrorists for handing a "sophisticated Soviet ground-to-air combat missile as a gift to the Atlantic Alliance."

In a rare attack on the terrorists, the newspaper said: "Instead of surprising Israeli warplanes which continuously overfly Lebanon skies unchallenged, the missile appeared in an apartment in Rome. It referred to the arrest in Rome last Wednesday of five Palestinians with Sam 7 Strela surface-to-air missile launchers complete with warheads."

"Al Ahram" questioned the benefits of operations against civil targets and asked what the result would have been if the Palestinians had succeeded in hitting an Israeli civil airliner while it was taking off from Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci International Airport. The plane would have crashed in a populated area, resulting in an international outcry against the Palestinian guerrillas, "Al Ahram" said.

But since the operation failed, the number of Palestinians arrested in Europe increased and "an advanced Soviet weapon was captured by the Atlantic Alliance," the paper concluded.

Swiss probe reports Peron wants to sell \$650 m. in gold

LONDON (Reuter). — Swiss police are investigating reports that some \$650 m. worth of gold bullion, said to belong to former Argentine dictator Juan Peron, has been offered for sale, the "Sunday Telegraph" reported yesterday.

The London newspaper said rumours have been circulating in Switzerland that 400 tons of gold were available for sale. Reports within banking circles there said it belonged to General Peron, who wanted cash for his planned return to power in Argentina.

The newspaper said mysterious and clandestine negotiations have continued for months.

Though bullion dealers accept that such an amount of gold could be for sale, it is also feared it might be an attempt by someone to upset the international gold market, it continued. It was for this reason that police were investigating the reports.

Sale of such a huge amount of gold, equivalent to almost half the annual output from South Africa, is likely to drive the price of gold down from its level of about \$110 an ounce.

The "Sunday Telegraph" said one of the men involved in the negotiations was Fred S. Karaman, a Lebanese-born American and chairman of a Manhattan-based firm called Karavest International Limited.

It quoted Mr. Karaman as saying he represented two governments. But he said he could not reveal whom the gold belongs to nor identify his principals any further.

Another man formerly involved in the deal, the newspaper said, was British playboy Peter Pelieu, 31, brother and heir of the Viscount Ekmouth.

Princess' fall fractured bone

KIEV (UPI). — Princess Anne suffered a broken right collarbone when she fell Saturday, a police spokesman said yesterday. She was riding in the cross-country test at the European Equestrian Championships.

The British Embassy doctor in Moscow confirmed that the suspected chipped bone was in fact a fracture.

Anne, 23, arrived at the riding grounds yesterday with her right arm in a gold-coloured sling.

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'Forgotten' life-savers on German TV

By LILI BAT AHABON
Special to The Jerusalem Post

Germans who saved Jews at the risk of their own lives during the Nazi era — was the subject of a straight-from-the-shoulder 45 minute television documentary shown last month on the ZDF — the Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen, one of the three German TV stations. The transmission was seen in Germany, Belgium and Holland.

The programme bore as title the quotation from the Talmud, "Whoever saves one life..." Reporter Dieter Schmieding, a man in his early 30s, conceived and wrote the documentary in which he interviewed some dozen men and women. The interviews were dramatically interspersed with official shots of the 1940s — of bearded Jews taunted by laughing officers, of the Nurnberg decrees and of other state prohibitions against the Jews.

Among those interviewed were a Berlin ex-policeman, a restaurant owner in the north of the country, a blind notewoman, a Jewish actress in Hamburg, a Swiss border police captain and the German Minister of Interior.

Albert Jurgens, the Berlin ex-policeman, told TV audiences how he had given shelter in his home to a Jewish couple ("I had met the man at the railway station, and we got to talking"). He procured false papers for them, and, writing out a leave pass for himself, travelled with the couple, named Marcus and now living in New York, to the Swiss border where he smuggled them across. Jurgens, who thus lost

his job and never got it back, recounted his tale with utter simplicity.

Another impressive figure was octogenarian Bruno Motzko who had hidden Jewish families in his home in Essen. "Motzko received recognition from the Israel Government — from Yad Vashem" (and here followed a brief word-and-picture definition of Yad Vashem), so ran the comment, "but what has he received for his heroic action from his own government?" When Motzko showed he had spent DM85,000 for the necessary falsified documents, the official answer to him was: "You did this voluntarily." Motzko, who fought all these years for official recognition from the German government, died shortly after this TV interview. He was a "righteous gentile," one of the 65 Germans among the 900 righteous gentiles so far honoured by Yad Vashem.

Lost job

Thirty-two years after the event, the Swiss government reinstated Paul Gruninger, the Swiss border police captain who guided hundreds of harassed Jewish refugees into Swiss safety — and lost his job for doing so. Gruninger was seen on the TV screen, walking along the Swiss-German border — this time with the aid of a walking-stick, telling about the days of danger. For his 80th birthday the Swiss government, having apologized, offered him a choice of a trip to Israel or a colour TV set. Before he could look at either, Paul Gruninger closed his eyes forever.

Probably the most dramatic portrait was that of Franz Fritsch, a man who did a great deal and talked little. Herman Adler, the Jewish writer now residing in Switzerland, his wife and a friend from Israel named Oesterweiller were shown having a drink with Fritsch who had saved their lives in Tarnow. It was they who told the tale while Fritsch just listened patiently.

Franz Fritsch, a German, had been sent to Tarnow in Poland to set up a workshop for tailored uniforms. As shop director, he asked for Jewish workers and thus saved many from concentration camp and certain death. In addition, he acted on his own vis-a-vis the German authorities. "Do you recall," Oesterweiller reminisced, "how you went to the Gestapo in Tarnow and asked for a list of people to be taken out of the transport? They gave you 50 names. You made it a list of 250 names — and made it look official."

"How many people did you save in this direct way?" author Adler said. "I didn't count the people," came the laconic reply, the only words spoken by Fritsch.

Today owner of a restaurant in a small north German town, Fritsch barely makes a living. Among flashbacks of photos of the early forties, reporter Schmieding commented wryly that because of his past record of having saved Jews, Fritsch's business suffers — he is resented by his townsmen.

Helen Jacobs of Berlin, a quiet-spoken, thoughtful woman, answered the question, "Why did you do it?" with the reply: "To defend

democracy and to fight against discrimination — of which the Jews were the greatest victims." She had hidden Jews in her home and sent packages to people in concentration camps — with her return address on them. She had provided those hidden by her with food, clothes and needed documents.

"When I hid a graphic artist in my apartment — he is now in Switzerland — we made up a signal for danger. I had counted on being arrested in the street at any given moment. So we arranged that if the Gestapo came with me to the house, I would fumble with the door-key and let it fall on the empty milk bottle which we always left outside the door. That would give him, my 'lodger', enough time to go out on the balcony and use the rope we kept for the purpose, to get over to the neighbour's apartment where he would stay until the Gestapo had left.

800 Berliners

"We did not need this," Mrs. Jacobs continued, in her even, unemotional voice. "When I was arrested, the Gestapo did not go to my house."

Mrs. Jacobs is one of 800 Berliners whose deeds in wartime are recognized by the government of West Berlin. "But I do not avail myself of this recognition, which is expressed in money terms. You see, you have to prove you are needy; you have to prove it anew each year."

A partner of Mrs. Jacobs in her humanitarian work was Etta von Oertzen. Born more than 80 years ago

into an aristocratic family, now an inmate of a home blind in Mecklenburg. "And never received even a 'th' from the German government."

On this score reporter Schmieding asked German Minister Interior, Genscher, three questions. Has the German go done anything to compensate people for what they have done? "The government is debating this very issue," he replied. "What form will this compensation take? This is not yet clear. But the impression that many who did not forget their friends in times of need are too solves needy, thus, can will probably take matter. When does he think this forthcoming? "I don't know certainly by the end of the parliamentary session."

At this point Schmieding the camera full face said: "This interview was made of last year. Since then, this matter has moved."

Ide Ehre, a Jewish actress in Hamburg, expressed the opinion that Jews ought to be honored. "They had to live in times of danger and the time is ripe for their story and call them names, and to demonstrate courage to others."

The programme ended ideally as it had begun. Schmieding said: "Judenheiler — gefahrlos — heute vergesse are of Jews — once in today forgotten?"

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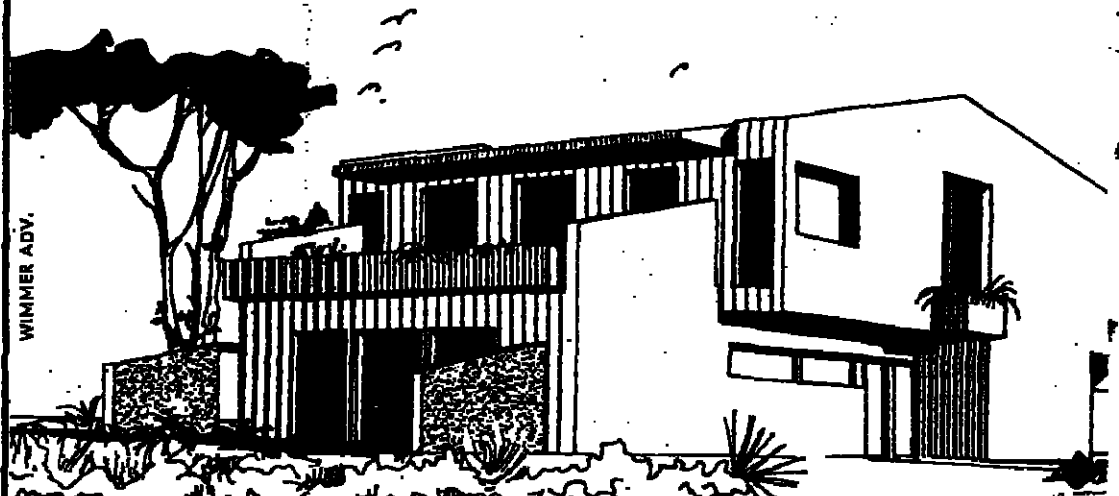
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THE recent television programme, in which young Israeli Jews expressed their views on Arabs was, in my opinion, painful, in bad taste, and wrongly conceived. Dealing with a delicate theme, the programme served only to show how abstract and inadequate our knowledge of the Arabs has become. I cannot be the only viewer who found it embarrassing.

As a result of my personal reaction, I decided to visit some Arab villages, and try to establish contact with the people in the simplest, human way. I wanted to see how a Jew who has lived in this country for 40 years — and who worked closely with Arabs during the pre-State period — would be received. Even with the well-known tradition of Arab hospitality, how would the villagers react in this difficult political period? Would they be tactful? Or would they be open-minded and ready to talk about their problems?

My experiences turned out to be extraordinary. Thanks to that preposterous television programme on the "preposterous theme of 'To Love or to Hate the Arabs?'" I had the opportunity to rediscover, after so many years, the region around Ramallah — the villages of Kubebe, Bidda, Katana, Beit Ynan.

To anyone who has not spent time walking in this incredibly beautiful landscape — and I must assume that this applies to most Israelis — I can only say that the surroundings are uniquely and peacefully beautiful. And as one who has studied architecture, I was full of admiration for the perfectly suited style, achieved with the knowledge of centuries, with which these villages are built along the mountain curves. The houses interlace with each other, with terraces that are family centres during the summer, and during the winter serve as a sophisticated system for gathering rainwater. The pastoral beauty of the surrounding vineyards and olive groves has, of course, a purely romantic and aesthetic appeal; but in the urban surroundings which we have built for ourselves, nobody can deny that we have, perhaps necessarily, lost a tremendous value. It is one which many Arabs today still treasure — though in many village houses, the women have to walk as far as three kilometres to bring water home.

As for the people I met: during a late afternoon walk, I encountered a young man and began to ask him about himself, where he works, what his father does. After a short while he very shyly asked me whether I would come to his father's house to have a cup of coffee and to see for myself.

He lived in the village of Bidda, in a very poor and small two-room house with his mother, father, and nine siblings. I was given the only chair — a plastic affair — and the rest sat on broken-down straw stools. The family was delightful. One child went to fetch grapes, and all of them began chatting with me, asking questions and answering mine. The mother sat alone in one corner cleaning vegetables for supper.

"Why don't you help your mother?" I asked one of the daughters. Laughing — all of them were practically always smiling — she hurried to help her mother. I was asked all about the wonders of Tel Aviv — the zoo, the big shops, the Shalom Tower. Proudly, they showed me their garden — although poor, they probably have better fruit and vegetables than many of us have had this year. There is enough ground to build houses for the children when the time comes. Only the eldest son is working — sometimes locally, sometimes in Jerusalem.

I stayed overnight at the Franciscan Hospice at Kubebe, a

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most pleasant place which I highly recommend; other guests included a few Israelis, and a wedding party from Ramallah. Starting out early the next morning, I was rewarded by an unforgettable walk at sunrise through the hills. Some three kilometres away, I came to the village of Beit Ynan, where I met some young people and asked for the local coffee house. One young man insisted that I come instead to his home.

This time I found a more prosperous, well-built house. Although it was still early, the father was already on the terrace smoking a pipe surrounded by all the children — I counted eleven. "Where is your mother?" I asked, and was told that she was in hospital — Augusta Victoria — for the birth of the twelfth child. Understandably, they were not in the least concerned about this event, and were simply waiting for her return, by taxi, with the new baby.

The eldest son in this family works as a waiter in Jerusalem as do two cousins from the same village. As far as I could see, he was pleased with his job. He is to be married next year, and I asked where he will live. "Oh, I'm already starting to build my house, among the vine-

yards at the entrance to the village," he said. By and large, these young Arab couples do not have the housing problems which our children have. I was most interested in coming face to face with this closely knit family-unit "clan." This young man dreams of going to Netanya to work as a waiter, but his parents are against it: "Too far from home, not right for a young man, what with all those tourists."

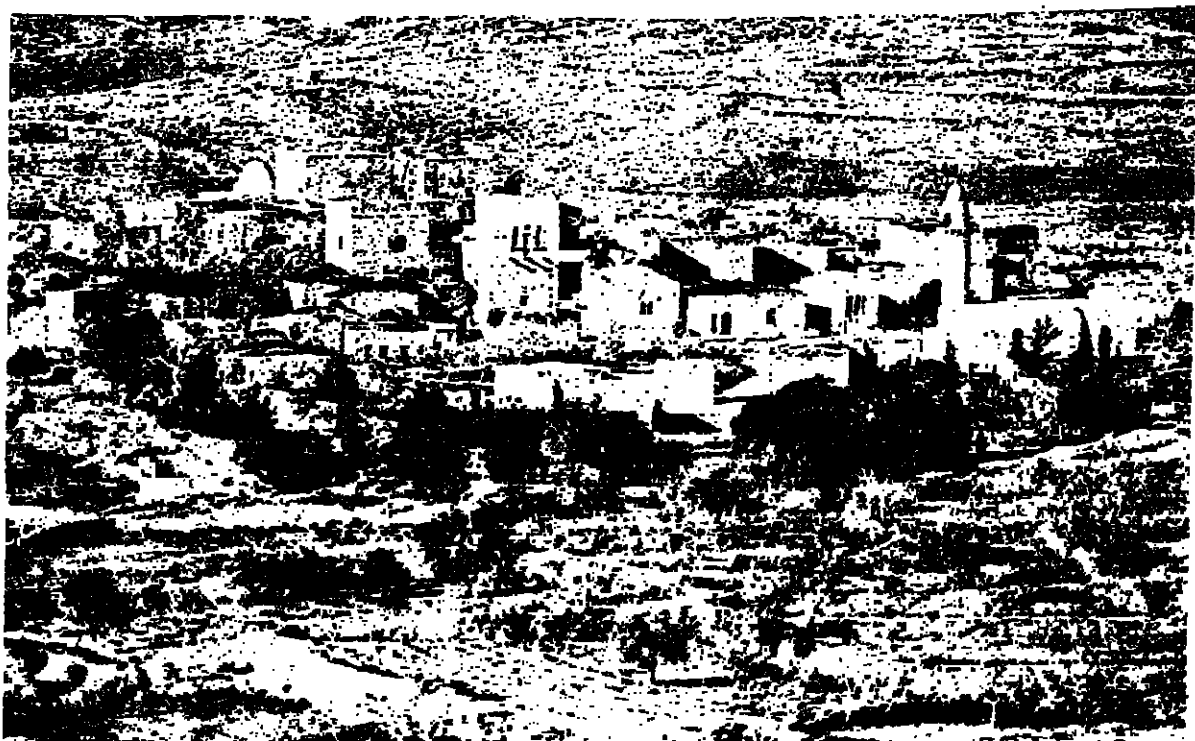
The next house I visited attracted me by its extraordinary architecture — it must once have been almost a little palace rich in stones and columns, but in a dilapidated condition. Here the head of the household was a teacher, and he immediately invited me in when I expressed an interest in his house. Going upstairs — the stairs had no railing — I found again a closely knit family of six children, aged from one to nine, with a very handsome mother. She at once served coffee and grapes — again, plentiful and delicious from the garden. The room was immaculate, though the entire family live together in this one room.

The father, a man of 33, began to talk right away about his circumstances, speaking in quite good English. "I am wait-

ing for better times," he said. He was, incidentally, the only person I met who spoke of the family's plight in terms of their flight, in 1948, from Ramle, where they owned property. He is interested in history, showed me his books, and spoke intelligently yet without hate of the plight of his family, and the "troubles of '67," both of which he accepts as facts. His main wish is to get his land back.

He also described the "miserable medical conditions." There are no doctors in any of these villages, and he complained of the treatment at St. John's Hospital as "a hundred in line at the clinic, no thorough examinations." I stayed for over an hour, and he made me promise to return for another visit, this time with my family. There was no one, in fact, who did not ask me to come again, and I had the feeling that they meant it and were pleased by the contact.

These and other small encounters — set in motion, as I have explained, by the television programme which I found so inappropriate and so abstract — convinced me of how important it is to know our neighbours as they are, free in their own homes. They spoke not once of "hate"; they spoke with interest and love. The television discussion was out of place and not to the point.



A typical Arab village north of Jerusalem, "built along the mountain curves," taken by telescopic lens from the top of Nebi Samwil.

The point is that our neighbours are people like you and me.

This is what our young people must be given a chance to realize and it is something that has been sadly neglected. It is not enough that part of the Arab population goes on organized trips to the Tel Aviv Zoo. We must go to them, with a desire to communicate with them. (In fact, Arabs are consistently more open to contacts with Jews, whenever such occasions are presented, and

show more interest in such encounters, than do their opposite numbers, the Jews.)

If television is, indeed, our most effective medium of communication then let a team go into a village — if such processes are now necessary — and let a group of our children play for a whole day with a group of Arab children, participate in a classroom, play games with them. One of the most touching sights I saw was a little Arab

boy with his pet sheep, which followed him around like Mary's lamb and was obviously the child's pride and joy.

Then the "Arab" will no longer be an abstraction; and then we will not need our learned commentators and moderators to fill up a television programme with talk for yet another evening.

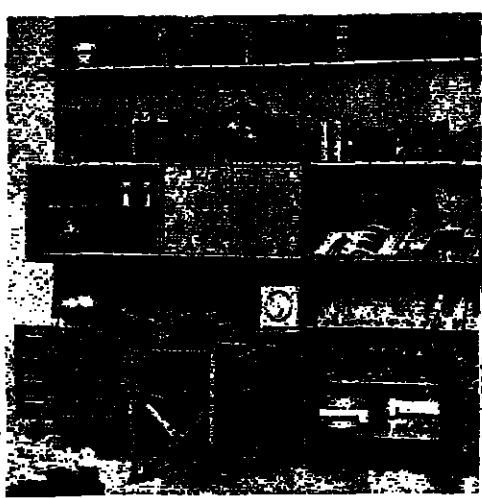
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STUDYING THE CORAL REEF

BRISBANE, Australia. — Australia's Great Barrier Reef has just undergone its most critical scrutiny, from more than 300 of the world's top coral scientists. For 10 days aboard the 10,000 ton liner Marco Polo, marine biologists, zoologists, geologists, botanists, ecologists and geophysicists examined, probed and talked about the reef, its structure and its future. They delivered a total of 150 scientific papers as the ship cruised nearly 5,000 kilometres up and down the Queensland coast, and went ashore on lonely coral cays, uninhabited islands and outlying reef formations. They scuba-dived, snorkelled, peered through glass-bottomed boats and sifted for marine specimens along the shorelines. The International Symposium on Coral Reefs, the largest of its kind yet held, attracted delegates from 14 foreign countries, Israel among them. A spokesman for the symposium organizing committee, Dr. Patricia Mather of the University of Queensland, Brisbane, said that the symposium had opened a new era in coral reef science. "The coral reef, in any part of the world, is one of the most productive biological systems known to man — and one of the least understood," she said. The Great Barrier Reef — covering an area of over 200,000 sq. kms. and the world's greatest system of coral reefs — is acknowledged as a tremendous untapped source of life-saving drugs and food. Its incredible variety of marine life is still comparatively unexplored and scientists expect that, in years to come, it will yield many more secrets in the fields of biomedicine and pharmacology. The area already supports a major tourist industry on 15 resort islands. Royal Commissions set up by the Federal and State Governments have lately been assessing the likely effects of an oil industry; and a joint government committee has been seeking information on the Crown of Thorns starfish which has been reported in destructive plague proportions among northern reef areas. (Australia Information Service)



On Lizard Island, off Queensland, a group of scuba-diving scientists prepare their gear. At right is Dr. Yossi Loya of Tel Aviv University's Zoology Department.

COMPUTER ANALYSES DRUG OVERDOSES

MERRIDGE, Mass. (AP). — Drug abuse patients are getting faster treatment through a new computer analysis system that quickly determines which of hundreds of drugs they have taken. This system was developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to pinpoint drugs not easily detected by conventional means. It reduces analysis waiting time as long as two days to two hours. This means a better chance of survival through quicker treatment of an unconscious patient unable to tell authorities what drug he took. Dr. Klaus Biemann, professor of chemistry at MIT, originally designed the computer system to analyze organic compounds in moon soil recovered by Apollo astronauts. A smaller version of that system is to go to Mars in 1975 to search for organic compounds there. Outlining his experience with the system in a paper presented last week in Chicago at the American Chemical Society annual meeting, Biemann said the method is an example of space age technology being put to practical use. The system is composed of three components: a chemical separator called a gas chromatograph, an analysis device known as a mass spectrometer and a computer programmed to collect and sift through the data. The computer is programmed to recognize more than 400 drugs, drug by-products broken down by the body, contaminants and natural body substances. After a sample of the patient's blood, urine or other body fluids is treated, it is placed in the chromatograph where individual substances separate into gases. The spectrometer breaks up gas molecules and sorts them according to how they behave in a magnetic field, with each substance leaving a unique molecular "fingerprint" which is scanned by the computer. The computer then matches this "fingerprint" with one in its memory to identify the substance. After the analysis, the computer lists body fluid constituents in order of concentration. "Usually the drug which is the most highly concentrated substance caused the overdose," Dr. Biemann said.

Warning on world food shortage

ROME (UPI). — Population growth must be slowed down so that the world can rally against the worst global food situation since the end of World War II, the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) said last week. "The world food situation in 1973 is more difficult than at any time since the years immediately following the devastation of World War II," FAO Director-General Addeke H. Boerma said in the foreword to the draft of FAO's annual report. "It seems fairly certain that, if the estimates for 1973 are confirmed, this is the first time since the Second World War that world production has actually declined." Boerma said world agricultural and food production were estimated to have fallen by one per cent in 1972 as against three and four per cent gains in 1971. "In the face of a constantly growing population, these events are extremely disquieting," he declared. "Per capita food production in the developed countries has now fallen back to the level of 1961-1965."

Are minerals being used up too fast? BARREL SCRAPING OR HORN OF PLENTY?

GENEVA (Otns). — SHARP CONTROVERSY has broken out among scientists about the rate at which the world is consuming mineral resources. One side says metals such as copper, aluminum and iron will have to be rationed and then gradually withdrawn from use, with a crisis point being reached at the end of this century. Other experts, some of them working for the United Nations, maintain that there is no shortage in sight. John Carman, a UN technical adviser, has declared that "not only are mineral resources far from being depleted, they renew themselves at least in part all the time. The oceans can be likened to giant chemical cauldrons constantly precipitating minerals which accumulate in the form of deep sea nodules. They constitute a rich and so far unexploited reservoir of mineral wealth." In addition, says Mr. Carman, the whole crust of the earth which can be exploited to a depth of several miles, is believed to be extraordinarily rich in mineral deposits of all types. One cubic mile of rock is estimated to contain some 620,000 tons of copper, close to 900,000 tons of nickel, almost 1,000 million tons of aluminum, and other ores in similar quantities. But the greatest faith is in mineral resources of the sea. One expert has estimated that the Pacific Ocean nodules contain enough copper, nickel and titanium to meet, for example, America's consumption need for thousands of years ahead. The opposite view is argued by Amory Lovins, an American consultant of "Friends of the Earth." He says metallic ores now being rapidly depleted were formed by rare geological accidents in the remote past and are being replenished far more slowly than they are being extracted. Most metals, excluding the common structural metals such as iron, aluminum, magnesium and titanium, are from 100 to 10,000 times more concentrated in the ores now being mined than in average rock. He claims that for many metals the gap in grade between modern ores and plain rock is abrupt and not filled by significant amounts of progressively poorer deposits. And so, once the high-grade deposits are exhausted — for many metals at present trends in a matter of decades, for others nearer a century or two — we shall have to mine barren rock at a thousands times the present energy cost of mining copper. "So that Cornucopian Carman's cubit-mile-of-rock Utopia is just not on." Mr. Lovins concedes that further considerable ore deposits are likely to be found, if only because mining companies are devoting a substantial and rising fraction of their income to exploration. But new discoveries (he warns) can usually buy only a few decades' grace, not the passport to plenty: "If the use of an average metal doubles every fourteen years — as is approximately the case — then doubling world reserves of that metal will buy 14 years." Oil and gas are a good case in point: the longer new discoveries can hold down prices, the faster the onset of eventual security and the fewer the options then remaining. Indeed, some countries, such as Kuwait, have already realized that their mineral assets will appreciate fastest in the ground without storage charges — and have accordingly limited their extraction rates. Such a policy will not make its citizens quite as rich this year, but it will make their children far richer. Other countries are likely to follow suit and, in this connection the question of geographical distribution of mineral deposits is crucial, according to Mr. Lovins. For example, China controls about three-quarters of the world's known deposits of tungsten and half of the antimony; Spain, one third of the mercury; South Africa, three-quarters of the chromium and nearly half of the gold and platinum; while the USSR has well over half the coal. These countries can be expected to exploit such advantages to the full and, in Mr. Lovins' view, "the sooner they do so, the sooner the rich countries' profligacy will stop, and the better everyone's chances of more rational resource use." As for the sea, Mr. Lovins says that the costs of recovery by dredging will be higher than for land operations and, among what is likely to be produced, significant products will be relatively few. How is the layman to decide who is right — the cheerful Mr. Carman, or the warning Mr. Lovins? He can't. But supposing Mr. Lovins is right, what can be done about it? He himself concludes: "We live in a dynamic world in which rates of change are rapid compared with inherent delays. "Such a system is unstable. This instability can be reduced in three ways: a) reduce the rates of change; b) reduce those delays that are due to social rather than natural processes: this is called autocatalysis; c) develop long-range predictive planning that will enable us to circumvent delays by knowing today the effects that today's decisions will have decades hence." He adds, rather ruefully, however, that the mechanism for carrying out the third choice are not today observable.

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Nat'l Insurance directorate reorganized

Labour Minister Yosef Almog yesterday reorganized the directorate of the National Insurance Institute in accordance with the amended National Insurance Law.

Members of the new directorate are: Reuven Wolkow, Director-General; Uri Dotan, Deputy Director-General; Baruch Bakla, Deputy Director-General; Unemployment Insurance; Dr. Hanan Lachin, Deputy Director-General; Social Duties; Avraham Palmon, Deputy Director-General; Organization and Branches; and Raphael Kister, Deputy Director-General, Research and Planning.

Mr. Almog also appointed Mrs. Naama Barkai as Director of Maternity and Family Allowances Insurance, Dr. Israel Arad, Director of Old Age and Survivors Insurance, and Mordechai Ben-Zion, Director of the Jerusalem Branch.

Milk products short in Tel Aviv, Haifa

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A shortage of Tnuva cultured milk products (leben, eshel, gi) were felt yesterday in Tel Aviv and Haifa, due to a breakdown at the Haifa plant of two machines that filled these products into plastic cups.

Yitzhak Landman, general manager of Tnuva, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that technicians were working "around the clock" to fix the machines, and he hoped that they would be back in production in a day or two. The shortage in Tel Aviv was caused because part of these products which are usually sold there were shipped to Haifa.

Shlomo Gal, director of the Dairy Marketing Board, said that the dairy industry has been under terrific pressure during the past year, and "we have been doing all we can to meet the increased demand for our products." He said consumption has

grown by more than 15 per cent in that period.

"We have been working two shifts or more to meet the increased demand, but it seems the machines just cannot take it," he said.

Mr. Gal believed that part of the sharp increase in demand was due to the "unrealistic" prices paid for dairy products because of the high government subsidies, which make dairy food one of the cheapest on the market.

The long Rosh Hashana weekend (which starts on Wednesday evening) poses a logistics problem for the Dairy Marketing Board. Officials of the Board have asked the chief rabbinate for a special permit to open the dairies on the holiday to receive and process milk to avoid spoilage. Another request for a permit to sell milk products at special stations during the holiday because of the difficulty for some families (especially the larger ones) to stock up for five days.



COLOURFUL STREET — Carnaby Street, London's fashion boutique centre which has become one of the city's most popular tourist attractions, has been given a face-lift, or more appropriately, a floor-lift. The narrow street has been banned to traffic to make it a relaxing shopping precinct... and a colourful "carpet" of rubberised tiles laid down to give it trendiness. (UPI)

Australia, New Zealand revalue currencies

SYDNEY (UPI). — Australia and New Zealand yesterday revalued their currencies in an attempt to combat inflation.

Prime Minister Gough Whitlam announced the five per cent revaluation of the Australian dollar in Canberra, and Prime Minister Norman Kirk announced the 10 per cent revaluation of the New Zealand dollar in Wellington.

New Zealand also placed a ban on the export of mutton and allocated extra import licences in an attempt to control rising prices. The economic package was announced at the end of a 30-day price freeze.

The New Zealand Reserve Bank will continue to adjust the exchange rate daily so as to maintain the new relationship with the currencies of New Zealand's main trading partners.

It was the second time the New Zealand currency was revalued this year. It was revalued by three per cent in July, and the Australian currency was revalued by seven per cent in December 1972.

"After close and careful examination of the present situation and prospects in these regards, it has been decided to appreciate the exchange value of the Australian dollar," Mr. Whitlam said in a statement.

"The exchange rate change will establish a new formal parity of 23.345 Australian dollars per ounce of fine gold. This represents an appreciation of five per cent from the former parity," he said. The new rate will be one Australian dollar equals 1.4875 U.S. dollars.

The New Zealand dollar now equals 1.478 U.S. dollars.

Palmon to carry out property payment law

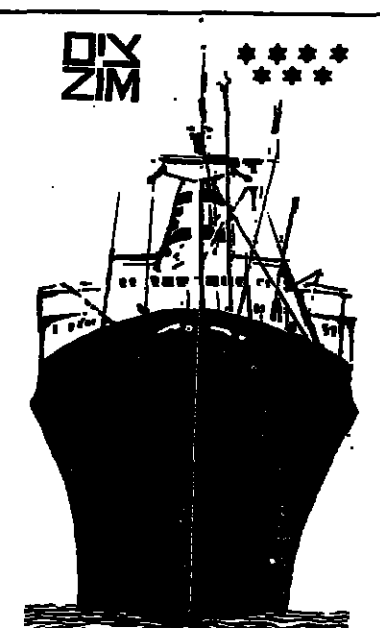
Yehoshua Palmon, adviser on East Jerusalem to the municipality, has been placed in charge of the execution of the Absentees' Property Compensation Law. The Justice Minister has instructed him to draw up a working plan within the next few days.

The law, passed by the Knesset last June, went into force in July. It provides for the compensation of all Israeli residents — including those of East Jerusalem — who have not yet been compensated for property that passed into the hands of the Absentees' Property Corporation.

Warning over plan for Kinneret hotels

NORDIA. — Yosef Tamir, chairman of the Knesset's Ecology Committee, told a Gahal meeting here on Saturday that the plan to develop a string of hotels on the north-eastern shore of Lake Kinneret would seriously disturb the lake's ecological balance and lead to the pollution of its waters.

Even the Interior Ministry had at last concurred with the experts that the building of the hotels would have disastrous consequences for one of Israel's main sources of water, Mr. Tamir said. (Itim)



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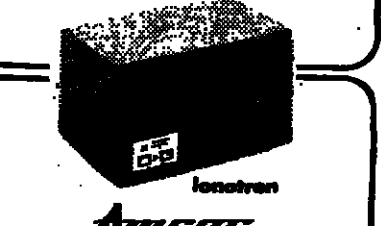
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Booming textile industry in Taiwan

NEW YORK. — Nationalist China's highest growth rate of the textile industry in the Far East in the past two years, an American textile expert here has said.

Charles Rodgers, president of the Textile Fibres Association, said after a trip to East Taiwan's textile industry, which has shown growth contrasted with the declining textile output in Hongkong.

He said, however, that Taiwan's textile industry cannot import raw materials and cannot meet import competition from Taiwan and other countries.

Taiwan has 15 plants producing polyester fibre and nylon, with six plants in construction.

Mart seeks 'European identity' compromise

COPENHAGEN (UPI). — European Common Market nations are working toward a compromise joint position on the future of their alliance with the U.S., diplomats said today.

Foreign ministers of the nine Common Market nations meet here today and tomorrow to frame a "European identity" — actually a statement of principles for the alliance. This is in response to the U.S. call for a "new Atlantic Charter" and is intended to be endorsed, when President Nixon visits Europe in the autumn.

But there was no guarantee of success this week. France has been at odds with its partners — particularly West Germany — for months, arguing against the idea of a "charter" or even against giving transatlantic relations any

priority on the European agenda.

The diplomats said preparatory work here last week by the ministers' deputies raised hopes that a compromise could be found and a joint position — no matter how bland — could be worked out. They said France had made a "rather important" policy shift toward accommodation with its allies and French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert had reversed an earlier decision to skip the meeting.

The White House has said that, if the Europeans fail to reach agreement on a concept for the future of the alliance, Mr. Nixon might cancel his European trip which is tentatively set for late October or early November.

The process began in April when Henry Kissinger, then Mr. Nixon's foreign policy adviser, said in a speech that the alliance, after 25 years of success, was being frayed by the new situation of the 1970s.

European prosperity, American balance of payments problems and the ending of the cold war, he called for a "new Atlantic Charter" setting the principles of the alliance in a framework strong enough to handle the issues of defence, trade, energy and monetary relations. He asked the Europeans for ideas on how it could change.

It was not until June that France agreed to "review relations." Since then, several Common Market nations have come up with blue-prints for a European position, but France has shown no known interest in any of them.

In a previous foreign ministers' meeting here in July, France agreed that a "European identity" was necessary. But it rejected specific suggestions. With less than two months until Mr. Nixon is expected in Europe, time is growing short. Dr. Kissinger was to have gone to Brussels this week for talks on the issue with ambassadors to Nato but the trip was cancelled after Mr. Nixon nominated him as Secretary of State.

In the absence of clear statements from Paris, diplomats from other European nations have been reduced to speculation on French motives. Some believe that France is stalling because it has no clear policy. Others say it is wedded to the status quo and wants no change — especially one that could lead to a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Europe. Still others say France wants to guide and control Europe's policy and is angered at the way West Germany has seized Common Market leadership.

EL AVIV STOCKS

BOND MART ACTIVE

TEL AVIV. — The main interest in yesterday's securities dealings was the bond market where nearly \$5m. worth were traded. Bonds linked to the cost of living caught the better part of the demand, and reached new heights. Dealings continued long beyond the usual closing time of 3 p.m.

Shares, however, started irregular, carrying over some of last Thursday's falls, really, they probed dull and slow trading with little upward changes. The T.S.E. volume of which IL700,000 were in the market, seem to be exaggerated due to a calculation error. The general index of share prices rose 0.11 per cent to stand at 277.08.

ILL.D.C. was half a point better at 209, with 83,200 shares traded. Chal Industries was unchanged at 199 (85,800) and Wolfson two points lower at 109 with 35,300 shares. All others were less than 20,000 traded, and changes negligible.

Some 533,000 convertible bonds were traded, of which 173,500 were Housing Mortgage recently issued, and 90,600 Bank Hapoalim.

More than 30,000 oil shares of each were traded, but Naphtas was half a point lower, Lapidot a half better.

Dollar bonds were also in demand as well as others in foreign currency.

	5.75	6.75
Haasman Insurance	235	234
Bahar-C	218	216
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES		
Motor House	96.5	96.5
Delek-C	121	121
Cold Storage-IL10	123.5	126
Israel Electric Corp.	69	69.5
Delek-C	204.5	198.5
LAND, BUILDING, DEVELOPMENT AND CITIES		
Africa Int. IL10	200.5	200
Int. Land Dev.	200.5	200.5
Solad Boneh-10%	147	145
Property & Build.	147	145
Taras	167	169
Mahadira	205	206
I.C.P. Int. Citrus	96.5	96
Anglo-Int. Investor	130	130
Neot Aviv	74.5	73
Int. Or Ltd.	200.5	200
Rasoco-5%	84.5	84.5
Rasoco-O	72	72
INDUSTRIAL		
Alkantara-5	519	520
Elco-15	111	111
Elctra-5	334	334
Argaman-8%	337	337
"Ade"	114.5	113.5
Dubek	320.5	325
Elect. Wire & Cable	205	205
Chem. & Phosphates	1000	1000
Levina Epstein	65	65.5
Koller Textile	247	247
Phonocia-5%	113	111
Paper Mills	340	338
Asia-7%	225.5	225
Necheman	225.5	225
Shemen-5%	149	149
"Real" Flywood	255	255
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES		
Elgar	88.5	80
Elgar	251.5	254
Israel Central Trade	233	233
Bank Hapoalim	85.5	119
Wolfsberg IL10	105	111
Ampa	129	129.5
Account Bank	207.5	207.5
United Mizrahi	124.5	124.5
Bank Leumi	215	215.5
Bank Leumi	115.5	115.5
Bank Leumi	105	100.5
Export Bank	67	67
Cia Investment	199	199
Cia Industries	199	199
FUEL & OIL		
Naphtas OTO	94	94.5
Lapidot OTO	135	135.5

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CUBAN SWITCH

IT is not often that Israelis find common ground with anti-Soviet Colonel Gaddafi, but they concurred with him when he complained that Fidel Castro should not have been admitted to the Algiers summit since Cuba cannot be called a non-aligned country. Although he did not begin his charismatic career as a full-blown Communist, Castro has been toeing the Moscow line for many years, mainly because he is in total economic bondage to the Soviet Union. It is said that Cuba owes Russia something in the neighborhood of a million dollars a day.

However, until his surprise announcement in Algiers yesterday that he will sever diplomatic relations with Israel, Castro had maintained some independence of his Soviet paymasters in pursuing his own path as regards ties with Israel after the Six Day War. Despite constant pressure from Moscow, Castro stuck to his principles in this matter. He based his stand on the fact that, following President Kennedy's establishment of the Alliance for Progress, the Council of the Organization of American States had voted to expel Cuba in February 1962 on purely political grounds. Having himself been the victim of unilateral action of this kind, Castro reiterated categorically, he would not take unilateral action to break relations with any country that had not harmed Cuba and that this included Israel.

Although the Party newspaper, "Granma" — the country's only morning journal — frequently voices anti-Israel sentiments in keeping with instructions from Moscow, the ordinary Cuban — and very often even

those in political office — expressed admiration for Israel's achievements. Castro himself has on several occasions invited Israeli experts to advise Cuba on agricultural matters such as citriculture, drip irrigation and the increasing of the potato yield, even though the invitations were extended on a personal rather than a governmental basis.

During the last few years, it was reported that members of the Fatah were being trained in Cuba, but these reports were not confirmed. It is true, however, that a delegation of Fatah (headed by Abu Ayad) was invited to attend the Cuban independence celebrations in 1970 and received a warm and high-level welcome.

It is possible that Castro's declaration at Algiers was part of an effort to paper over the cracks in the non-aligned summit, but one would have wished Fidel had remained faithful to his oft-expressed principles.

It is to be hoped that the rupture of relations with Israel will not adversely affect Cuba's small remaining Jewish community, now reduced to about a thousand souls. Despite the Communist regime, the Jews have been able to live a free and open Jewish life in Cuba and all their institutions, ranging from synagogues to the Zionist movement, are fully active. In this respect, at least, Castro has remained true to his determination that Communism in Cuba would not be a copy of the Russian prototype, but would be "as Cuban as the palm-tree." It will be regretted that the Cuban palm-tree has now bowed its lofty head in the face of winds from the East.

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Terrorists vs. Arabs

Ha'aretz (non-party) says that the latest Palestinian terrorist episode, even more than the Khartoum incident, demonstrates the extent to which the terrorist movements jeopardize the very regimes that support them. Moreover, the fact that the escapee ran up against a solid wall of resistance on the part of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Jordan shows it is indeed possible to say "no." France and the other West European countries would do well to take heed.

Al Hanihmar (Mapam) notes "the degeneration of an Arab national liberation movement which had embraced terrorism as its sole weapon. Unable to strike effectively at Israel, it is turning to targets within the Arab camp itself. On the other hand, far from diminishing the danger, this new stage of Arab terrorism may prove more insane than ever before, and Israel must remain on the alert."

Hatzofe (National Religious) says President Nixon's warning to Arabs not to brandish their oil as a political weapon has been backed

up by his recently-announced plan to free the U.S. of dependence on foreign oil suppliers altogether. On the other hand, the renewed peace initiative will call for some concrete proposals on Israel's part, and will put its foreign policy to the test.

Davar (Histadrut) says that despite differences that may arise from time to time, Israel's Labour Alignment is united in its creed and unity of purpose, and both of these differ radically from those of the rightist camp. Accordingly, this time the voter has a concrete and clearly defined choice.

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) traces the history of the Rightist camp in Israel, which was made up of two disparate elements — Revisionists and Capitalists. Both elements have in effect had the carpet pulled out from under them — one by the Six Day War, the other by the fact that Israel's brand of socialism is very mild indeed. The paper concludes that only co-optation into the Government coalition can save the ad hoc merger between them.

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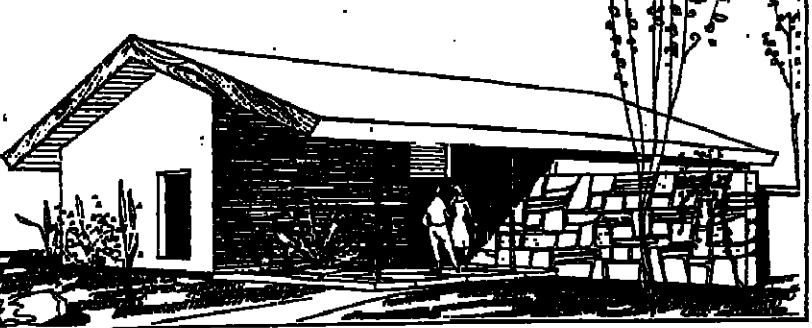
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Readers' letters

Nurses' strike is justified

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In a recent newspaper interview, Dr. Pinhas Koren, Director of the Beilinson Hospital, stated, among other things, that the strike of the operating theatre nurses has resulted in danger to seriously ill patients.

It is strange, to say the least, that only a few short weeks ago, during the doctors' strike which lasted for some three weeks, Dr. Koren did not issue a similar warning.

It has been our experience, during the few days of this strike, that every case in which surgeons found it necessary or advisable to operate, they were assisted with the same devotion, expertise and detailed care which theatre nurses usually apply to their work. I have no doubt that the same is true at the Beilinson

Hospital and, in fact, at every other hospital in the country.

The justice of the present strike is well known to every surgeon in Israel, and requires no further elucidation. However one cannot help but notice how little concern is given to such small groups as the operating theatre nurses, whatever their importance to the life and health of the country, so that repeated requests for a hearing are all but ignored. In a certain sense, it is both fortunate and unfortunate that devotion to their work does not permit their strike to be more effective.

NATHAN J. SALTZ, M.D.
Professor and Chairman
Departments of Surgery
Hadassah Medical Organisation
Jerusalem, September 4.

Herut's Likud negotiating team

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — At a press conference which Mr. Ariel Sharon and I held yesterday, your correspondent, Mr. Mark Segal, asked me: Is the non-inclusion of Dr. Eliahu Halevi in the negotiating team a punishment for his stand on representational problems on the Likud list? I replied that his information did not conform with the facts. The truth is that the Gahal Executive had decided that morning to set up a single small committee to iron out the two committees which had existed formerly. As a result, the reputation of Herut as well as that of the Liberal Party on the committee was reduced. Dr. Halevi was not included in the small delegation which met only twice, but was asked to participate in the negotiating committee which is dealing with social and economic problems, of which he had not been a member prior to this.

At the end of the "press conference," I spoke with Mr. Segal personally and he told me that the matter was clear to him, and his question had resulted from lack of information. I was therefore surprised to read in your paper his distorted report, notwithstanding his promise.

H. LANDAU, M.K.
Tel Aviv, September 6.

Mark Segal comments:

Mr. Landau omitted my full question which was formed of two parts: A. Would the exclusion of Dr. Halevi from the negotiating team because of his independent stand, namely being pro-Likud in the Herut executive, mean his exclusion from the Herut Knesset list? This aroused Mr. Landau's ire and strong protest to the contrary.

B. My other question concerned the replacement of Dr. Halevi by Dr. Bader, the most consistent opponent of the union. Did this indicate that the Herut leadership would cause delaying tactics in the ensuing negotiations? This question was not answered.

I learned later in the day that Mr. Begin personally phoned Dr. Halevi in Jerusalem, having heard that his decision to drop Dr. Halevi from the team had caused a stir within his own party and in the Liberal Party, and he advised Dr. Halevi that he was appointing him "my personal representative in the drafting committee on the social policy in the negotiations on the platform." I have since learned that in the Friday negotiations, Dr. Halevi was again excluded from the Herut negotiating group and has not been invited to any of the subsequent deliberations. Neither was Mr. Ezer Weizman, another strong supporter of the Likud list.

Ramat Gan Election propaganda

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As the son of the late Avraham Krinitzi, I was shocked to see on our billboards the picture of my late father together with that of Dr. Israel Peled, with a caption to the effect that my father brought Dr. Peled into the Municipality 13 years ago and knew what he was doing.

I must regretfully accuse Dr. Peled of lack of human and public feeling in daring to use the picture of my late father in his election campaign for propaganda purposes. The matter is even more aggravating in view of Dr. Peled's behaviour during his years in office, when he ignored the memory of Avraham Krinitzi, who was the father of Ramat Gan and one of its founders; he even did not find it necessary to mention my father at the opening of the World Maccabiah in the very stadium he built.

Now, with the campaign starting, Dr. Peled must get elected for the first time to the mayoralty, since he originally inherited the post on the death of my father; yet he dares to use my father's name and picture, although he tried to erase him from the history of Ramat Gan.

Moreover, I feel it my duty to state publicly that Dr. Peled was not one of the close collaborators of my late father, nor did he enjoy his confidence, nor was he even consulted about municipal problems.

Dr. Peled will be well advised to desist immediately from using my late father's picture and name for electoral purposes, because this behaviour hurts the feelings of many of Ramat Gan's citizens, and the members of his family in particular.

YEHUDA KRINITZI
Ramat Gan, August 30.

Pension schemes for immigrants

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I am a new immigrant anxious to secure a pension after I retire from work at the age of 65. I believe that this is and should be the basic right of every person.

I wrote to Mifkadam to find out what to do to join the pension scheme and received the reply that I could not join on an individual basis, but only in a group. Is this the reply I should have expected from a pension scheme managed and controlled by a socialist union?

Moreover, in a real democracy, should a nation-wide pension scheme be run and controlled by a union and not by the Government?

Z. HILLEBRAND
Ramat Gan, August 8.

The Ministry of Finance replies:
In Israel, as in other countries, there are occupational pension schemes to supplement social security pensions.

In a certain sense, we have made more progress in this field than other countries: occupational pension plans are run by seven central pen-

sion funds under the authority of the Histadrut.

This does not change their basic nature of occupational pension schemes set up under work agreements between the company and the union. Therefore, individual workers can only enjoy the advantages of supplementary pension schemes if there is such a scheme in operation in the company where they are employed.

The Histadrut pension funds cover over 50 per cent of salaried workers. Mifkadam covers less than a third of salaried workers. Mr. Hillebrand is thus wrong in assuming that it is a nation-wide pension scheme.

Insofar as there is no occupational pension scheme in the company where Mr. Hillebrand works, he can join one of the many retirement saving schemes run by banks and insurance companies to which the Government also grants certain income tax benefits.

Y. PICKER, in charge of Savings and Insurance
Jerusalem, August 30.

THE "KOREN" BIBLE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — With reference to your report, "First Pages of Hebrew University Bible issued" (August 16), I wish to point out that the Hebrew text is photographed from the "Koren" Bible after the necessary minor alterations according to the Aram-Zova manuscript were put in.

The "Koren" Bible was chosen by the Hebrew University due to its exactness and beauty.
E. KOREN
Koren Publisher Jerusalem Ltd.
Jerusalem, August 19.

DIG AT TEL KASSILA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — With reference to your report, "Philistine Conch-shell 'Trumpet' Still Plays After 3,000 Years" (September 3), may I point out that Dr. Amihai Mazar is an assistant on the teaching staff of the Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology which is also sponsoring the dig at Tel Kassila.

BEN ZION MUSEKIN
Press Officer
The Hebrew University
Jerusalem, August 4.

Probers fear Watergate backlash Nixon feels safer, but is still threatened

By MICHAEL DAVE

WASHINGTON (Cns). — WITH Congress now back from the summer recess, a new political season is opening in Washington. President Nixon, sniffing the air, probably feels a little more secure than he did when the holiday started, but he must still smell danger.

On the plus side, his standing has gone up slightly in the polls, presumably as a result of his mid-August press conference, the first since March 15. People were beginning to think that he was too fearful to face the press but he keyed himself up to it and did not do himself any damage and evidently did himself a bit of good. He failed to answer satisfactorily the questions about Watergate, but he kept his temper and the nation was able to see that he was alive and well and in his right mind. The President's strengthened sense of security was demonstrated at his press conference last week.

There is evidence that, during the holidays, interest in the whole Watergate scandal has subsided. After months of pressure, and regular revelations of scandals, there has been a lull. Most politicians here seem to think that, provided there are no more big surprises, public interest at least in the details of Watergate will continue to decline. Back home, in their constituencies, Congressmen and Senators found more concern about inflation than about scandals.

As a result, the Senate Watergate committee will now speed up its hearings. None of the seven Senators on the committee wants to become a victim of a public backlash. Each of them has acquired fame and political advantage from the daily appearances on television and none of them wants to risk these benefits. Like these Senators, the three big television networks are also thinking that they must be careful not to overdo Watergate in the autumn.

More convincing
Besides, Mr. Nixon can comfort himself with the thought that his Administration now looks more convincing than it has for some time. He has a respected new Secretary of State, Dr. Henry Kissinger, and capable new heads of the Defence Department, the Justice Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In the White House, his post-Watergate group of advisers are settling down and have begun to make themselves available for the occasional talk to journalists. In the old days, the President's chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, rarely bothered even to tell his secretary to return reporters' telephone calls and say he wouldn't see them.

Dr. Kissinger has announced that he proposes to inaugurate a new era of consultation with the Congress on foreign policy; and the President's two main domestic policy advisers, who are both old hands at otting the relations between the White House and Capitol Hill, are being equally conciliatory. But President Nixon is still in deep trouble. Inflation rages away. He is still a long way from having regained public trust. Very few Americans believe that he has told them the truth about Watergate. He keeps saying, for instance, that he knew nothing of what had been going on among his entourage until March 31 this year. As soon as he knew, he says, he acted, and began intensive investigations. But he has been unable to point to one single piece of evidence to support this claim. All the evidence, indeed, is the other way.

It is unlikely, besides, that the official information recently published about the President's private real estate dealings has helped his reputation. Under strong pressure from the press and some Congressmen, the White House has produced detailed figures about the two Nixon homes in Florida and California. Originally, when the matter was first raised, the White House lied about the figures and concealed the methods the President used to buy the houses. It now turns out that he depended heavily on the generosity of a few extremely rich men to finance the purchase of houses he could not have afforded on his own. Leader-writers all over the country have pointed out that dependence on two millionaires does not seem appropriate for a President who has constantly, in the past, lectured the American people about the virtues of self-reliance.

More trouble

Mr. Nixon is in trouble, too, over the famous White House tapes, and may be in much worse trouble. A Federal judge has ruled that the President should hand over the tapes of certain of his conversations that relate to Watergate. The President has appealed against this decision. The appeals court in question is notably liberal: a majority of its members were appointed by the Democrats. This court, too, may well come out against Mr. Nixon. Eventually, the dispute will probably go to the Supreme Court.

Suppose the Supreme Court rules that Nixon must hand over the tapes? He says he will obey the Court if it hands down what he calls a "definitive" decision. But he himself will decide whether the decision is definitive or not. Mr. Nixon is arguing that he is refusing to hand over the tapes on principle: a President must preserve the absolute confidentiality of his conversations. Not many people seem to take this argument seriously. The judge did not accept it. The President himself breached it when Mr. Haldeman, after he had ceased to be a public official, was encouraged to listen to the tape of a Presidential conversation at which he, Mr. Haldeman, had not been present.

Shakiness

The shakiness of the President's posture is that he is telling everyone to leave Watergate to the courts while himself refusing to cooperate with them. But the crisis will come if the Supreme Court rules that he should hand over the tapes and he refuses to obey. He might well do so since it seems likely that the reason he hasn't handed them over



Nixon and Agnew in happier times.

already is that he fears their contents could destroy him. The Supreme Court has no sanctions in connection with that it can apply to a disobedient President. But the Senate could impeach him. In a head-on conflict between the President and the Supreme Court it might be driven to do so.

There are other legal processes grinding along that are bound to wound the President. The special Watergate prosecutor, Archibald Cox, a Harvard professor, now has 37 full-time lawyers working for him, all of them high-powered. Mr. Cox is determined to ensure that justice is done, and seen to be done. The distinction and criminal trials arising from Mr. Cox's work may drag on for years.

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